

The Redneck Mystic Lawyer for President on the Unicorn Ticket

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The 12 Steps might cure humanity, if applied by angels known in the Bible



I suppose when you are raised by alcoholics, you follow suit or you don't. You learn something, or you don't. You recognize bull shit, or you don't. You become free, or you don't.

The Twelve Steps

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol — that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of

character.

7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

When I lived in a halfway house in Key West, all residents were required to attend 12-Step meetings daily, whether we drank or were drug addicts, or not. That's when angels applied the 12 Steps to me, and although I was not an addict, it was no damn fun, and I learned, if you substitute "our ego" for "alcohol", the 12 Steps are a genuine way for anyone to move closer to God by whatever named called.

I imagine if angels made Joe Biden and Donald Trump do the 12 Steps for one year, they would emerge entirely different men- born again in the sense Jesus actually meant in the Gospels.

Meanwhile, this arrived in my email account this morning:

To The Ghost of Jim Morrison

By: Vampyre Mike Kassel



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Jim,
you were right to take that header in the bathtub.
If you had lived, they would have made you
better.

They would have
tossed you into Betty Ford,
force fed you Antabuse,
bathed you in healthy thoughts,
made you jog.

They would have dressed you in a
three piece black leather business suit
and taught you about real estate.

They would have made you
crawl across the pages of *People* magazine,
write autobiographies,
hug Phil Donahue.

They would have made you
suck big Jesus dick,
do benefits for the Cirrhosis Foundation,
kiss the patent leather hooves
of Madd Mothers
and Parents' Music Resource Harpies.

They would have made you
eat wheat germ and shit,
judge poetry contests,
talk at high schools.

They would have made you
live in a better house and garden,
save a rain forest,
sing a duet with Linda Ronstadt.
They would have made you write
three thousand times on the blackboard of your soul:

"I WAS A BAD LIZARD."

They're beating on the walls of my bunker, Jim,
shouting:

"Ecstasy can be cured!"

"You're not living up to your end
of the social contract!"

"Do you know what that cigarette is
doing to your lungs?"

There's cracks in the walls.

The Good Health Police
and Citizens for a Sane and Sober Society
have broken out the stun guns.
They're shouting something about safe sex and crack babies.
They want to help me, Jim.
 Splash over one side, there,
 I'm climbing in.
 This bath tub has
 a familiar ring.

Sloan Bashinsky

I agree with the sarcasm toward the rescuers and their values.
However...
My father and mother sipped vodka from rising to turning in at night,
and I suppose they cured me of being a drunk, and I suppose my
mother smoking 2 packs of Pall Malls a day is why I never smoked a
cigarette.
Even so, I lived on and just off the street for 5 years, and later for 2
years, and I spent a lot of time with long term homeless people in Key
West.
All but a very few got up drinking and drank through the day until
turning in at night in their hidey holes.
When they found out I had practiced law, they tried to get me to sue
the city for selectively enforcing its open container law only against
homeless people.
They used their government checks for booze and tobacco. They sold
their food stamp allowances to buy booze and tobacco. They
panhandled for money to buy booze and tobacco. They ate in soup
kitchens and got food from food pantries.
They got mad at me when I declined to sue the city for selective
enforcement of the open container law.
They found themselves a young lawyer, who took interest in their
plight, and told me of a meeting they would have with him and for me
to join them, which I did. And that's how I met Sam Kaufman.

After he had met with them, we walked a while together and he asked me what I thought? I said I had clerked for a federal judge and had practiced law, and I thought he had a good case, but if it was me, i could not ask a federal judge to rule homeless people have a constitutional right to drink themselves to death. Sam said that was a good point, and he let it go.

Sam was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Florida Keys Outreach Coalition, a half-way house for recovering street addicts, run by Father Steven Braddock, who many years later told me that he once had run a security company in New York City, and Donald Trump was one of his clients. I asked Steve if Trump had paid him what he was due, and Steve smiled, and said yes.

A few years after Sam and I met with the homeless people. a federal judge in Miami, in what became known as The Pottinger Case, stopped Miami from using its police to prevent the city's homeless people from sleeping outside, relieving themselves outside, and cooking food outside, if there was no place for them to do that inside. Sam and I convinced Key West's city officials that we would file a Pottinger case against the city in federal court in Key West, if city police kept doing what Miami's police did. Key West's police backed off.

That led to the city building an overnight shelter for its homeless people, where they slept under cover at night, and then they roamed city streets and parks during the day. Not all homeless people used the shelter, but most of them did.

I had a blog that had a pretty good local following, and I wrote daily about a lot of things,, including what I experienced with the city's homeless people and police, and with homeless people at the shelter, and with the people running the shelter, where I slept nights.

After I published that I thought homeless addicts would be better off dead, than continuing to booze and drug, the shelter banned me for life, because I had threatened to kill homeless people.

Having no place to sleep nights without being arrested by city police and taken to the county jail where I would stay 30 days and be released, then I would be arrested again for another 30 days, etc.,I

went to a city commission meeting and told the mayor and city commissioners what had happened -, all of them knew me very well, Sam Kaurman was one of the commissioners- and that i was leaving the commission meeting to go to the police station to sleep in its front lobby, which was not inclosed, or be arrested and taken to jail. When I rode my conch cruiser bicycle to the police station, a lieutenant came out and said I could sleep there at night. That made the front page in the Key West Citizen.

I slept months of nights in the staton's front lobby, until my father's estate learned of it and helped me get inside.

During that time living on the street, I met a really interesting, some would say weird, or wyrd, homeless woman some years younger than me, who had been banned from the shelter for life and was repeatedly put in jail for 30 days for hanging out around shopping centers during the day and sleeping outside at night in her hidey hole..

We became an item, and I wrote often at my blog about her and my adventures on the streets of Key West, aka Key Weird, where the weird go pro.

If Kari had given up vodka and cigarettes, we might have had a great life together. Even so, we had a really interesting time, until she had a massive seizure and died in her mother's home, where I had gotten her on Greyhound with some of the money from my father's estate.

some redneck mystic lawyer musings after Tsar Putin-Tucker Carlson interview

Early on, The Redneck Mystic Lawyer Podcast was banned in Russia and Belarus. After my friend Bob learned about the Torrent universe and started seeding our podcast episodes there, Torrent subscribers anywhere could watch our podcasts.

By the time I saw *Red Notice* author Bill Browder interviewed this Sunday morning on CNN's United States of Scandal. I had seen several news reports and commentaries on the death in prison of Russian political dissident Alexei Navalny, viewed by many as murder by Vladimir Putin.

When I lived in Key West, a local lawyer I knew pretty well lent me his copy of *Red Notice*, and told me to read it and find out what is really going on. So, I read it and came away even more convinced that Vladimir Putin was KGB through and through, cut from the mold of Joseph Stalin and Nikita Khrushchev.

On CNN today, Browder said Putin needs to be stopped. I wondered how that might happen? Is Browder going to Russia to stop Putin? I wondered why Browder did not say what I was thinking? That Donald Trump intends to be like Putin, if he gets back in the White House.

Now why would I think such a hateful thing?

How about I watched Trump on TV ask Russia to help him dig up dirt on Hillary Clinton in 2016.

How about after Trump was sworn in as President in 2017, I watched him on TV talk about Vladimir Putin being elected what appeared to be president for life of Russia, and he, Trump, liked that idea, president for life.

How about I read numerous news reports last year and this year, in which Trump was quoted as saying he will get even with the people who falsely persecuted him, and he will pardon the January 6, 2020 insurrectionists.

How about I'd have to be blind, deaf and dumb, or pretend like a sly like a fox not to know Donald Trump is possessed by a demon, which has infiltrated his lemmings, which happened to Adolph Hitler and his lemmings, and to Vladimir Putin and his lemmings, and is happening to Joe Biden and his lemmings.

Oh, you say I can't say that about Joe Biden?

Really?

Well, pretend you are a pastor I know.

I told him yesterday that Joe Biden has helped Israel kill a lot of civilians in Gaza and is guilty of war crimes. The pastor said God is behind it. I said God has nothing to do with it. The pastor said God had the Israelites kill a lot of people in the Bible. I said that's in the Jewish Bible, the Old Testament, and in the New Testament, Jesus said he brought a new covenant, and Jesus never told anyone to kill anyone. The pastor said it is in the New Testament, too. I said he has not read his Bible.

Right now, I'm watching Trump rail on CNN that the \$355 million dollar fine against his company in New York, in a New York state court, is the end of democracy in America. Trump and the MAGAs, and the Republicans who stick with Trump, are the end of democracy in America.

Joe Biden is an agent of the Devil in Gaza, and he has bat shit for brains about how his son Hunter got filthy rich in Ukraine, and about Israel and southern border immigration, but Biden has not said, if reelected, he will be a dictator. He has not said, if reelected, he will get even. He has not said he likes Vladimir Putin. He has not said he likes the idea of being president for life.

Biden won't get my vote in 2024, but he is not a ticket to America's version of Nazi Germany and Putin Russia.

That said, I think all Americans, and all people anywhere, should watch Tucker Carlson's interview of Vladimir Putin, regardless of how they view

Carlson and/or Putin, in which Putin tells Carson that America needs a president who understands Russia better, ie. Donald Trump.

Here is a link for the interview. It's a little over 2 hours.

<https://tuckercarlson.com/the-vladimir-putin-interview/>

I think that everyone should watch the interview, because Putin *is* Russia today. Therefore, it is as important to know what he has to say, as it is important to know what Biden and Trump and the leader of China, Xi Jinping, have to say.

Putin told Carlson that Russia and China share thousands of kilometers of common border. They are trading partners. In that way, they depend on each other.

Putin told Carlson that Russia's economy is the largest economy in Europe. 5th behind China, America, India and Japan.

Russia has more nuclear weapons than America. Russia has hypersonic missiles, which America does not have. Russia has EMP weapons, which can disable American war plane, ship, ground vehicle and missile electronics, which America does not have. Russia's hackers appear to be better than America's hackers.

If I were America's president, I would have zoom discussions with Vladimir Putin once a month, if he would do it. I would have zoom discussions once a month with Xi , if he would do it. I would do that, because Russia and China can destroy America with nuclear weapons, which no other country can do yet, and America can destroy Russia and China with nuclear weapons.

After talking with other nation's leaders, I would have dreams about them, and people I know would have dreams about those leaders, which provide me information about those leaders and guidance about how to deal further with them. If they would not talk with me, the same would happen.

I would have that advantage over them. I know this, because I have dreams about everything which I get involved, and other people have dreams about that, too, which they share with me. Also, for a very long time, when there is something I don't know about what I am involved in, sooner or later, I learn about it in some way or another.

About half of the interview is about Ukraine.

Putin claims in interview to be a Christian. When Carlson asks Putin how he reconciles killing people in Ukraine with being a Christian, Putin says defending Russia comes first. Sound's pretty American, yes?

Putin explains to Carlson the history of Ukraine and Russia's relationship with Ukraine since around 800 A.D. Putin views much of Ukraine as part of Russia. Putin says Russia invaded in 2014 where Neo-Nazis in Russian-speaking Donbass Ukraine were mistreating Russian Ukrainians.

Putin says the 2014 uprising that saw former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich forced from office was the result of a "coup" orchestrated by the United States and supported by Washington's European allies.

Putin says NATO agreed many years ago not to expand, and then it took in countries closer to Russia.

Putin says Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's delegation in Istanbul, Turkey was about to sign a peace agreement to end the current invasion of Ukraine and return some of the land Russia had taken, and Great Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson, on behalf of President Biden, talked Zelensky out of it. Putin tells Carlson that agreement can still be implemented.

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Putin tells Carlson that after the economic sanctions were imposed against Ukraine, the American dollar became a good bit less important in

world commerce, because Russia was forced to pay more in rubles than in dollars.

Neither Carlson or Putin talk about Russian rockets pounding Ukraine cities and killing and wounding lots of Ukrainian civilians, and Russian troops invading parts of eastern Ukraine having nothing to do with Donbass.

Me, personally, I take what national leaders say with a grain of salt.

It's not in their nature to think as I think, because they have not had angels known in the Bible hard on their cases since early 1987.

I am not in their shoes, dealing with what they deal with, but if I were America's president, I would deal with some things very differently than Joe Biden, Donald Trump and their predecessors.

Regarding Ukraine, I would tell the leaders of Western Europe nations that Ukraine is their neighbor and it is on them whether or not to help Ukraine fight Russia, because NATO only comes to the aid of NATO members which have been attacked by a non-NATO country, and Ukraine is not a member of NATO.

My position has nothing to do with how I feel about Russia and Ukraine, or their leaders. What goes on between Ukraine and America is none of America's business. I feel the same about China and Taiwan, North and South Korea, Israel and Islam.

For way too long, America has used preserving "democracy" as an excuse to go to war in foreign countries, when the real reason is the religion of the American Empire is capitalism, and war makes the American military-industrial complex a great deal of money.

When he was leaving the White House, President Eisenhower, who had been commander in chief of the Allied Command in defeating Adolph Hitler's military in Western Europe, while Joseph Stalin's Russia was

defeating Hitler's military in Eastern Europe with America's help, told Americans to beware of the military-industrial complex.

What is not taught in American history courses is President Harry Truman wrote in his diary, which I saw in a Life magazine issue maybe in 2005, that he did not drop the A-bombs on Japan to defeat Japan, which was trying to surrender. He dropped the A-bombs to intimidate the Russians, and look at how that turned out.

A palace on the Black Sea coast near Gelendzhik, Krasnodar Krai, Russia. Sergei Kolesnikov and the Anti-Corruption Foundation (FBK), led by Alexei Navalny, said the palace was built for President Vladimir Putin. On 30 January 2021, Arkady Rotenberg said he owned the palace.

President for life.

Donald Trump said he liked that idea.

Gaza: a clinical study of abused children and their abusive parents?

Last year, the Australian political commentator Caitlin Johnstone subscribed to my Substack and invited me to subscribe to hers, which I did and started receiving in my email account her machine gun-like slams of Israel and President Biden for helping Israel kill now close to 30,000 predominately unarmed people in Gaza, making most of the people of Gaza homeless and at risk to starvation and plague. I agreed many times with Caitlin's condemnation of Israel and President Biden, and said it might be worse if Donald Trump was president, given he told Israel he is their best friend, hoping to get the vote of every Jew and conservative Christian in America.

I also said many times that Hamas imbedded itself within and underneath civilians, making it certain that many civilians would be killed and wounded and displaced and experience diaspora if Israel came to Gaza to fight Hamas, and that the October 7, 2023 raid in Israel was clever bait Hamas hoped would provoke Israel to do precisely what then did in Gaza, which turned Israel into a pariah state likened to Nazi German, supported by America,

For that, I was condemned many times by Caitlin's readers. I was asked why I was there? When I told them I was there at Caitlin's invitation, they condemned me all the more. Although Caitlin sometimes responded to a reader who had praised her, she never responded to me directly. Sometimes, I thought perhaps her posts were aimed at me indirectly, such as her post yesterday, by this title: "Nobody Who Gets Gaza Wrong Is Worth Listening To".

https://www.caitlinjohnst.one/p/nobody-who-gets-gaza-wrong-is-worth?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=82124&post_id=141808129&utm_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=true&r=8wjd3&utm_medium=email

Yesterday morning, it occurred to me that Caitlin had trolled me to read her, and she and a number of her devoted readers had reacted to me as if they are the abused children of Gaza and I am their abusive parent.

Quite a while ago I wondered if Caitlin and her many readers who kept tearing into me were severely abused in childhood and they identified with the Hamas civilians and were in denial about their own abusive parents, and thus were in denial about Hamas?

The day before yesterday, Caitlin and two of her readers caused me to wonder that even more.

We Think This Dystopia Is Normal Like People In Abusive Relationships Think It's Normal

CAITLIN JOHNSTONE

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Westerners who don't appreciate the extreme dysfunctionality of western civilization are like someone in an abusive marriage who hasn't yet recognized that there's a problem, or someone who had a violent and chaotic childhood who still thinks their home life was basically normal.

All of us understand that there are problems with our society, and most of us understand that a lot of those problems are severe. But few westerners really get just how bad it is. How pervasively diseased it is. In reality, we are living in a profoundly sick dystopia that is built on a foundation of human corpses and fueled by an endless river of human blood. Our news media are propaganda services, our entertainment is brainwashing, and our mainstream culture is social engineering, all built to keep us turning the gears of a vast globe-dominating empire. There's a widespread assumption throughout the western world that while things might not be perfect our society is certainly much better than what people experience in a nation like China, smugly believing ourselves to be a free society full of free thinkers and free people in contrast with those unfortunate thought-controlled communist conformists. In fact western civilization is one giant thought-controlled conformity machine where people's minds are shaped by mass-scale psychological manipulation far more effectively than anywhere else in the world, exactly because westerners don't know this is happening and believe they are free.

Western minds don't like to be told this, because it goes against everything they've been trained to believe about their nation, their society, and their world. Obviously we are much freer here than those poor saps to the east; here in the west we are free to choose between 197 flavors of frosted breakfast cereal and 20,000 different superhero movies. We are free to choose between voting for warmongering capitalist authoritarian Democrats or warmongering capitalist authoritarian Republicans. We are free to sell our labor at a fraction of the value it generates to any exploitative ecocidal employer of our choosing. We are free to think whatever thoughts we've been trained to think by our education systems, mass media, and Silicon Valley algorithm manipulation. We are free to speak our minds, which have been shaped and conditioned to serve the interests of the powerful and never to say anything that falls outside the Overton window of acceptable opinion.

Sure there are outliers in the margins, westerners who've slipped outside the matrix of thought control and have gained the ability to traffick in unauthorized opinions—if you're reading this you're probably one of them. But our numbers are deliberately kept too small to have any political consequence, and if those numbers start getting too big for comfort we immediately see influence ops to sow division and confusion and herd people back toward the mainstream flock. Sure we in our small numbers are free to voice unauthorized opinions on marginal platforms where we can't have much impact—we're free to dig a hole in the ground and whisper whatever we want into it, too. The single biggest obstacle to our freedom in the west is our widespread belief that we are free. Until we collectively realize we're human livestock being continually herded into our respective gear-turning stations to keep the imperial juggernaut trudging ever forward on the world stage, we've got no chance to break free and bring the whole abusive system crashing down.

Until this is seen we're like the wife who thinks it's perfectly normal that her husband controls all her finances and dictates every aspect of her life, and who'd be shocked and angered if anyone tried to tell her that this is what an abusive relationship looks like. We're like the man who

insists he had a happy childhood despite remembering a lot of body trauma and screams.

The truth is all around us—we're marinating in it 24/7/365. But we can't see it, because it's all we've ever known. We've been conditioned to think that this murderous ecocidal mind-controlled dystopia is normal, and we can't imagine it being any other way. The prospect of ending it can actually feel scary and intimidating, just as it can for someone who's thinking about fleeing an abusive relationship. But real freedom is just on the other side of that fear. All we've got to do is become sufficiently conscious of what's really going on here.

Sloan Bashinsky

Sloan's Newsletter

Well said.

In the main, humanity indeed is brainwashed, programmed like computers, behaves like lemmings. lives in herds, which actually are cults. People in cults cannot be reasoned with, reached.

They, and their leaders, are incapable of introspection, looking at themselves in the mirror and taking fearless and searching inventories of themselves. The many beams in their own eyes. Convinced they are right, pointing their finger everywhere but at themselves, they are l-o-s-t, un-woke, asleep- thinking they are woke, all-seeing, all-knowing.

The cold truth is, humanity, America, Israel, Russia, China, Iran, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, for examples, moved through SNAFU deep into FUBAR. Trying to fix that may be noble, or it might be projection, or it might be dangerous, but it is futile. They will not change because someone tells them to change.

According to Acts of the Apostles, the Jewish pharisee Saul of Tarsus had no intention of stopping his getting Christians crucified by the Roman government if they did not renounce Jesus, until a bolt of lightning blinded him and knocked him off his horse on the road to Damascus, and Jesus asked him, "Saul, why do you persecute, me?"

I bring that up, not to say it actually happened, but to say what might change herds and their leaders. Might.

Gpcus

"In reality, we are living in a profoundly sick dystopia that is built on a foundation of human corpses and fueled by an endless river of human blood. Our news media are propaganda services, our entertainment is brainwashing, and our mainstream culture is social engineering, all built to keep us turning the gears of a vast globe-dominating empire"... That's exactly how I feel! Is anyone out there feeling the same? How do you cope with it? I mean how do you rationalize it to stand up in the morning and go to work or to tell your children everything is OK and their future is radiant?

Chang Chokaski

I know exactly how you feel Gpcus, since I feel it too and am grappling with the same questions that you are.

"How do you cope with it?" I mean how do you rationalize it to stand up in the morning and go to work or to tell your children everything is OK and their future is radiant?"

What seems to be helping me (though I'm not totally sure):

- (1) Anti-depressants
- (2) No TV or MSM news sources
- (3) Music (playing the piano for me)
- (4) some physical exercise

Unfortunately, none of the above strategies have been enough to help me deal emotionally with the ongoing live-streamed Genocide taking place in Gaza. If you do find something that works for you, please do let me know as I seem to be in the same boat as you.

Lisa

We know it's way worse than we can even imagine. I avoid dwelling too long on some videos. I keep the sound off and don't even look at some. Instagram is my only video source. Still I have

cried. I need to know what's really happening, but for my own sanity I can't spend too much time there. I post and repost about it all on Instagram. If enough people would do it, a national strike on work and buying might make a difference.

Sloan Bashinsky

Chang, I think you are playing with fire using antidepressants, which contain chemicals alien to human biology and genomes, and produce side effects which have their own side effects. If what's going on somewhere else is wrecking you and your ability to work and father your children, perhaps you should turn off forums like this one as well? For your distress bleeds into your children, who have not yet being affected by the world as you have, they still are empaths, they pick up on, feel what is going on in you. Looking back from 81 years on this planet, I see lots of how I was that my children endured because I was wrapped up in my own dramas and agenda. I worry today for them and their children in a country, America, going to hell, I think. And unable to do lots of things I once did, some because I had to, some because I wanted to, I spend a lot of time online, which saves me from talking a lot more to myself than I already do. Your children need you a lot more now, than they will ten years from now.

Jeano

This may piss you off, Chang, but I heard in meditation this morning that I needed to pray for Israel. And yes, I'm like wha?!?!?! But on reflection, I can see that my feelings about Israel are only adding to the miasma of dis-grace that surrounds the Gaza crisis. That my lack of grace towards the "perpetrators" increases their negative energy and negative energy is what we need to stop. I KNOW it sounds too woo-woo for words but that's what I heard in my thoughts and that's what I'm going to do, even if I don't mean it—until I do mean it. Can't be any worse than being debilitated by grief as I am now. Sometimes I can hardly breathe.

Chang Chokaski

You're right - something like that would indeed piss me off. I pray for Zionism to not exist. I pray for Israel in its current incarnation to not exist. I would rather pray for a million other things. In fact, I think praying for the Palestinians and praying against the Israelis sounds pretty cathartic to me. (Then again, I am an athiest - and I don't think my athiest God is likely to listen to my prayers 😊)

Jeano

😊. Ya. Exactly. And I've been wish/praying like you do for weeks now. But I do believe in dark matter and in dark energy, and they seem to represent principles of reality that I can't even imagine. So I'm willing to allow as how the I Ching might have a point when it says "do not do evil the courtesy of fighting it blow for blow, for it only thinks of weapons. Instead, make energetic progress in the good." It's entirely possible in a universe so full of strange and confusing stuff, that GOOD is an energy that actually accomplishes what we want. Guess I'll see when I croak! 😄😄

Sloan Bashinsky

Matthew 5:44-45 American Standard Version (ASV)

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be sons of your Father who is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust.

Jeano

Ya—this is the kind of crap that makes me NOT want to pray for Israel. This is Jehovah's book. Jehovah, the god the Israelites made up, the guy who needed the sacrifice of his own son before he could accept humanity as being is no better than he made us, the guy who decided the Jews were special and "gave" them Israel. I wouldn't anymore follow his advice than I'd fuck a duck.

Sloan Bashinsky

If that man's teachings and the way he lived had been taken to heart, humanity would be very different, there would be no war in Gaza, or anywhere.

Jeano

Dream on Buckwheat.

Sloan Bashinsky

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russian_bot

You forgot plastic smiles. The first thing I'm thinking when I see absent, moronic smiles void of any context - someone is "bigging" themselves up.

One thing good about covid was it wiped them off people's faces. Some continued doing it while masked and that looked even weirder.

You need a rest, "Sloan". I think I already mentioned that elsewhere.

Sloan Bashinsky

I've had a great deal of experience with adults who were severely abused in childhood, and it looks to me that Caitlin and most of her readers who comment under her Gaza posts were severely

abused in childhood and are in denial about how abusive their parents were. They emotionally identify with the dead, wounded, oppressed, shellshocked, depressed, starving, displaced people of Gaza and are not able to see their parents and Hamas psychologically are one and the same, pretending love and caring but giving them just the opposite.

I give Hamas and Israel equal credit for the mayhem in Gaza. Hamas imbedded itself within and underneath civilians, making it certain that many civilians would be killed and wounded and displaced and experience diaspora if Israel came to Gaza to fight Hamas. The October 7, 2023 raid in Israel was clever bait Hamas hoped would provoke Israel to do precisely what then did in Gaza, which turned Israel into a pariah state likened to Nazi German, supported by America. Instead of defending the people of Gaza, Hamas did the opposite.

russian_bot

"turned Israel into a pariah state likened to Nazi German, supported by America" - Israel was that all along and Hamas attack certainly brought it up to the surface so it's very difficult to no longer pay attention to.

That Israel is and has been a Nazi state from its inception - read history. I believe you've been provided with authors and books already.

Your analysis of Caitlin and her audience is weak, by the way. People who do psychological work like you said you did, often tend to subsequently overestimate their psychic powers.

Sloan Bashinsky

I have psychic powers, but that is not what this is about. Hamas was supposed to protect the people of Gaza from Israel, in Gaza. Hamas did just the opposite by provoking Israel to attack Gaza and then fighting to defend Hamas. I think anyone who cannot see that needs counseling. I think anyone who sees it, but doesn't

acknowledge it, will be visited by Lady Karma sooner or later, and they may or may not connect the dots.

russian_bot

I know it's about Hamas. I just wonder when you are going to shut up about it.

Sloan Bashinsky

Maybe when Caitlin, who invited me here, says it's about Hamas?

russian_bot

I know you know it but still - you're such a pain in the ass 😏

Sloan Bashinsky

I hear that a lot.

Sweet batshit crazy pro-life Alabama: Will Nick Saban run for US Senate and put his life at risk? Alabama Supreme Court declares frozen embryos are people

Two crazy, if not batshit crazy, Al.com (formerly The Birmingham News) offerings grabbed my attention today.

Down In Alabama

Feb 20, 2024

Ike Morgan

If Saban ran ...

We generally don't drop too many political poll stories unless they're really important. And, of course, applicable to serious issues and campaigns in the state of Alabama.

With that in mind, I'll share the results of a YouGov poll that said if Nick Saban runs as a Democrat for U.S. Senate in 2026, he'd beat Tommy Tuberville 42 percent to 39 percent (although that's close enough to be within the margin of error), reports AL.com's Howard Koplowitz.

If Saban did beat Tuberville it would make the former college football coaches 4-4 against each other in head-to-head matchups, incidentally.

If the theoretical poll sounds a little like a fantasy for liberal Crimson Tide fans, it probably is, since it assigns Saban to the Democratic party without having him adopt policy positions.

In the same poll, Tuberville was ahead of a "generic Democrat" 49-32 and ahead of former Democratic Sen. Doug Jones in another theoretical matchup, 52-27.

Saban has neither endorsed a political party nor expressed interest in running for office.

And we can appreciate that position.

I replied:

I'm curious if you have any "insider" gossip or crystal ball info that Nick Saban ever considered, is considering, running for the U.S. Senate?

I wish Nick would run against Tuberville, who said on TV, I saw and heard it, if elected, he would do whatever Donald Trump said.

I wonder if Nick wants to drag himself through another colossal house of ill repute after leaving college football's NIL and transfer portal?

I wonder what Miss Terry [the wife] might say about that?

I wonder if Nick runs against Tuberville, if he and Miss Terry's lives will be at risk?

I know for a fact that Nick leading his football team in the Black Lives Matter march in Tuscaloosa during the covid shutdown pissed off a lot of MAGAs.

I hoped Doug Jones would beat Tuberville. Jones had put his life at risk prosecuting the Klansmen who bombed the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham.

Alas, the South rose again and voted for Trump and Tuberville, and our Governor Kay Ivey, whom I hear said does what important Alabama conservatives tell her to do, when she's sober, and that's just how it is.

And this:

Crazy In Alabama

Feb 20, 2024

John Archibald

Still crazy, after all these years
Is it just me? Tell me it's not just me.

Or if it's just me, tell me that, too. Because I'll have some choices to make.

It's been crazy in Montgomery since time immemorial. Since John Knox and his constitution, since George Wallace and his segregation, since Gov. Rose Emoji and his failure to understand the way text messages work.

But man. The crazy used to be on the fringes.

I guess I need to let the column speak it for me. Say it, column. Say it.

Learning to live with the anti-woke mind virus
Lord have mercy, it's like the crazy crept up on us in the night. While we were supposed to be asleep.

The Alabama Supreme Court has ruled that frozen embryos are people too. Popsicle people, maybe, but people.

So when somebody drops a vial of humans in a lab, it's not a cleanup on aisle one, anymore. It's a wrongful death suit. We're just a hop, skip and bump away from somebody getting locked up in Alabama's death camp prisons for knocking over a test tube.

Is it just me? Tell me it's not just me.

Alabama lawmakers are pushing bills that would protect themselves, that would give them the illusion of power over history, that would keep them from having to deal with real problems, that would make sure the state of Alabama will continue to feel unwelcome to any of those weirdos.

That's the goal.

I replied:

Regarding the embryo is a protected child decision...

CBS

The Alabama Supreme Court ruled last week that frozen embryos created through in vitro fertilization, or IVF, are considered children under state law and are therefore subject to legislation dealing with the wrongful death of a minor if one is destroyed.

"The Wrongful Death of a Minor Act applies to all unborn children, regardless of their location," the opinion states, including "unborn children who are located outside of a biological uterus at the time they are killed."

The immediate impact of the ruling will be to allow three couples to sue for wrongful death after their frozen embryos were destroyed in an accident at a fertility clinic.

But this first-of-its-kind court decision could also have broader implications.

"No court — anywhere in the country — has reached the conclusion the main opinion reaches," Justice Greg Cook wrote in his dissenting opinion in the case, adding that it "almost certainly ends the creation of frozen embryos through in vitro fertilization (IVF) in Alabama."

Some time ago, something got into me and I wrote this below, which became a chapter in a book I was writing, *Diary Of A Redneck Mystic Lawyer God Grabbed Once Upon A Time*, now a free read at the internet library, [archive.org](https://archive.org/details/diary-of-a-redneck-mystic-lawyer-god-grabb) -

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Chapter 28: Did Colonial America women have an unalienable Right to use herbs made by God or Mother Nature (you pick) to prevent or end pregnancies?



A friend reported a dream earlier today, in which Archangel Michael said there are people who might try to kill me over my discussing "Eve's herbs", which end pregnancy.

Same friend told me later today that he'd heard from a woman interested in those herbs, that my home state Alabama, and other red states, are preparing legislation to go quickly into effect, which makes herbs that cause miscarriage, class 1 drugs, which require a doctor's prescription. I replied that no doctor known to me would prescribe herbs for any reason. It later occurred to me that the Mafia and the south of the border drug cartels are gearing up to grow lots of those herbs to sell on the streets of America.

That Pearl Harbor lookout issue aside, I marvel over the federal and state governments presuming they know better than God or Mother Nature (you pick 😎) what Americans should or should not do with herbs made by God or Mother Nature (you pick 😎).

As a licensed attorney in Alabama, I have a serious legal problem with the federal and state governments preventing people from using herbs that grow wild in nature. Since when do governments have legal jurisdiction over God and Mother Nature?

In that context, let me say I am not a physician, and I do not advise people about medical conditions, other than sometimes I tell people what I do about my own medical problems, by using physicians sometimes, alternative methods sometimes, and blending the two approaches sometimes.

Sometimes I tell people how I use herbs, vitamins and minerals to make me smell like a skunk to Covid-19 and its many variants. I also had 3 Pfizer shots.

Although I am not an herbalist, I used herbs in past times, which helped me, and I use a few herbs today, which seem to help conditions that medicine alone has not been able to help.

The first time I caught salmonella and felt I surely would die, I took an herbal combination prescribed by a naturopath and the salmonella cleared up in a few days.

The next time I caught salmonella and felt I surely would die, a veterinarian, who treated his animal patients with homeopathic remedies, as well as with modern veterinary medicine, gave me homeopathic arsenic, and the salmonella cleared up in a few days.

Did I break state laws? Did those doctors violate state laws? Did that matter to me or them? No. What mattered was the salmonella went away.

Some years ago, I read a very interesting report of a federal lawsuit filed by the Texas medical profession, seeking to ban acupuncturists, who were not M.D.s, from practicing acupuncture. The Texas medical profession's lawyers argued acupuncture was experimental medicine and, under Texas law, only the Texas medical profession could regulate and use acupuncture. The female federal judge noted that the Texas medical profession had been around about 100 years, while

acupuncture had been used in China for 5,000 years and was not experimental. Judgment for the acupuncturists.

Beyond all of that, I can say, based on many conversations I have had with religious right Americans face to face, on Facebook, and elsewhere online, that the root of the opposition to abortion in Alabama, and in America, is the religious right.

If I were hired as a trial attorney, to deal with federal and/or state restrictions on herbs in a court case, I would subpoena anti-abortionists and put them on the witness stand, and prove through them that their opposition to abortion is rooted in their religion.

I would hand them a Bible and ask them to read Genesis 2:7 to the Court.

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

They would be between a rock and a hard spot.

I would ask them if the Bible is the inerrant word of God, every word in it is true? They would be between a rock and a hard spot.

I would ask them who created the heavens and the earth, and all the plants and living beings on the earth? They would be between a rock and a hard spot.

I would ask them if, in the Bible, the only herb God told Adam and Eve not to eat was the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil? They would be between a rock and a hard spot.

I would ask them if God ever made a mistake? They would be between a rock and a hard spot.

I would ask the witnesses if God made herbs that would cause miscarriage? The witnesses would be between a rock and a hard spot.

I would hand them a copy of the Declaration of Independence and ask them to read the Preamble:

In Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

I would ask them if the Founding Fathers drew their authority from Nature and Nature's God? The witnesses would be between a rock and a hard spot.

I would hand them a copy of Amendment I, U.S. Constitution and ask them to read the first line to the Court:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

I would hand them a copy of Amendment 14, and ask them to read it to the Court.

Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State where they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

I would ask them if they see anything in Amendment 14 saying unborn persons have any of those rights and immunities. They would be between a rock and a hard spot.

I would ask them if Amendment 14 applies the 1st line of Amendment 1 to the states? They would be between a rock and a hard spot.

Of course, opposing legal counsel would object to questions that ask a lay person to state an opinion on the law. I would reply that I'm simply asking the witnesses to read the law and use their common sense to reply to my questions.

In that context, and continuing my mystical and legal opining about such matters also were addressed in the two previous chapters of this unfolding book...

Before and after Bible times, women used herbs to prevent and end pregnancies.

Women used herbs in Colonial America to prevent and end pregnancies. Benjamin Franklin covered the practice in his book, THE AMERICAN INSTRUCTOR.

I did a Google search for Ben Franklin's book and this NPR interview came up:

A book by John M. Riddle, CONTRACEPTION AND ABORTION FROM THE ANCIENT WORLD THROUGH THE RENAISSANCE, traced the anthropological history of herbs used by women to prevent and end pregnancy.

A similar, later book by Riddle, EVE'S HERBS: A HISTORY OF CONTRACEPTION AND ABORTION IN THE WEST, was featured in an exhaustive article in The American Historical Society article.

The article's author reported that he and his wife enjoyed drinking pennyroyal tea. She was pregnant. She miscarried. He did research and learned pennyroyal was long used to end pregnancies. He did a lot more research and reported that, too, in his article, which some women told me is fascinating.

The EVE'S HERBS book was available for free via a PDF, until it was taken down yesterday, because Riddle was receiving death threats. The American Declaration of Independence says:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Unalienable means it cannot be taken away.

Among these means there were other unalienable Rights.

Clearly, the Declaration does not say women had unalienable rights. However, if men had unalienable rights, surely women had them, even if men back then did agree 😎.

Was women's ancient and ongoing use of herbs made by God or Mother Nature (you choose 😎) to regulate their fertility, an unalienable Right?

As pointed out earlier in this chapter, Benjamin Franklin, who was reputed to be a ladies man, spoke of such herbs in THE AMERICAN INSTRUCTOR.

The American Declaration of Independence birthed the United States of America.

The Declaration was America's first legal document.

The U.S. Constitution and its Amendments were derived from the Declaration.

Unalienable Rights were inherent in the U.S. Constitution and its Amendments.

The U.S. Supreme Court decided American corporations have some Constitutional Rights, even though there is no mention of corporations in the Constitution and its Amendments, nor in the Declaration.

If corporations have Constitutional Rights, how could the herbs created by God or Mother Nature (you choose 😎), about which Benjamin Franklin wrote, not be unalienable fertility Rights Colonial American women enjoyed, which could not be taken away?

Well?

Consider further rhetorical questions.

Would the American religious right dare contest herbs God made, knowing very well what those herbs could be used for?

Would anyone that heard, "It's not wise to piss off Mother Nature," dare contest herbs She made, knowing full well what those herbs could be used for?

Would the American medical profession (AMA) contest those herbs?

Would Big Pharma contest those herbs?

Would the FDA, CDC and NIH contest those herbs?

Would the Republicans and MAGAs and Donald Trump contest those herbs?

Would 6 religious right U.S. Supreme Court Justices contest those herbs?

Would Joe Biden and the Democrats contest those herbs?

So, what about pregnant women living in red states, who do not want to carry their fetus to term?

They birth a baby they don't want and resent?

They commit suicide?

They use a coat hanger?

They do things to try to kill the fetus, so a doctor can legally perform an abortion to save the life of the mother?

They go out of state to get abortions?

They find pharmacy pills that cause abortions?

They become herbalists and claim their herbs are an unalienable right, protected by the Declaration of Independence?

They claim their herbs are part of their religion, protected by Amendment 1 and Amendment 14 of the U.S. Constitution?

Consider, Native American tribes are allowed to use peyote, as part of their religion.

Consider, a great many pills the FDA, CDC, NIH, AMA and Big Pharma depend on were derived from plants.

Consider the medical uses today of marijuana extracts.

Consider hemp was raised and sold by some of the Founding Fathers, including George Washington. Do you think they ever lit and smoked hemp?

Do you think the Founding Fathers ever used hashish and opium brought back by The East India Trading Company to England and America?

Do you know any forms of booze, a known killer, not derived from a plant?

Do you smoke or chew tobacco, a known killer?

Is it any skin off your nose, if women use God or Mother Nature's herbs (you choose 😎), to prevent or end pregnancy?

Don't you have something more important to do than butt your nose into the uteruses of women you don't know and could care less about, unless they are pregnant and want an abortion?

Are you standing at an abortion clinic every day it's open, begging women who go inside to agree to let you adopt and raise their unwanted baby?

Have you ever had a young child of yours die? If so, you know that hurt you far more than anyone can begin to imagine, who has not had a young child die.

My first wife had two miscarriages, which upset her a lot. I was upset, but not nearly as much as her.

When our son was later born, and then at 7 weeks he died of sudden infant death syndrome, my wife and I were devastated. It was a zillion times worse than the miscarriages.

We did not have funerals for her miscarried fetuses, but we certainly had a funeral for our beautiful, dead infant son, whom we grieved for a very long time.

I don't see funerals for miscarried or aborted fetuses.

In the law is the doctrine of *res ipsa loquitur*, Latin for, "The thing speaks for itself."

in one dystopian American ear and back out the same ear



Yesterday morning, I had no ATT cell phone service or texting ability, and my Apple News feed was down. I drove to an ATT store and a handwritten sign on the front door said “Nationwide outage”. A maintenance worker in a parking lot said his Version cell service was okay, but his father’s ATT service was down. Later, I heard that all up and down on the America Pacific west coast, Verizon and T-Mobile also were down.

My tech friend Bob, who produces the Red Neck Mystic Lawyer Podcast, said Verizon and T-Mobile were down lots of other places in America. and the electric fence on top of the southern border wall was down. I said I had seen TV and online news reports of national government agencies investigating, while ATT talking heads were promoting a failure in their system, which tech idiot me found more than kinda hard to swallow.

I named countries that could have done it: Russia, China, North Korea, Iran, elements of radical Islam. Bob said, perhaps, but it could have been done by Americans, as a demonstration of what it will be like in America if Donald Trump is convicted and put in prison, or if he does not win the 2024 election. That felt so dead on chi-ching to me that it was like the world had dropped out from under me.

I suggested we do a podcast about that for people who have not become blind, deaf and dumb.

Yesterday, an evangelical amiga, who keeps trying to persuade me to attend her and her husband's Church of Christ church, so after we die, I will be with them in heaven, said it's a shame what has happened to America, what it was is no more. I said I agreed, it is no more, and it's not coming back.

We don't talk politics, but I have told her many times, if I go to her church and am myself, the people in her church will not like it that she brought me there. Her husband was a U.S. Marine. I did not serve in the American armed forces, but I live in Alabama, and I know the evangelicals are convinced God sent Donald Trump to them, to save them from the godless commie liberals.

The evangelical and I have a mutual friend, who used to practice law in Birmingham. Since we both attended the University of Alabama School of Law, and since I also practiced law in Birmingham, he sometimes addresses me as "Counselor."

Sometimes he poses legal puzzles regarding legal proceedings against Donald Trump, and several times he has said I am a Democrat, and I have told him every time that I belong to no political party, which leaves me free to poke political parties and people who belong to them.

His most recent legal puzzle was, what does it matter that Donald Trump inflated his assets to get loans in New York, if he repaid the loans and no bank was injured? I said that was a good question.

I did some research and learned New York has a special law known as 63(12), which allows the New York Attorney General to go after people who engage in repeated deceptive business practices. Specifically, 63(12) allows the recovery of profits the deceptor earned as a result of the deception.

By inflating his assets in bank loan applications, Donald Trump was able to get very low interest rates to make business investments on which he made a lot of money. The judge in the New York 63(12) case fined Trump for the interest he would have had to pay if he had not inflated his assets, and for the profits he made on the investments he would not have made if he had not gotten the loans, and for the interest on his profits, and the interest runs until Trump pays the entire fine, and the New York Attorney General is preparing to seize Trump's assets in New York to satisfy the fine.

I told my ex-lawyer friend all of that, and that I didn't know how the New York appellate courts might rule, but since 63(12) is a New York law, I didn't see how the U.S. Supreme Court could get involved, unless on the ground that the 63(12) is unconstitutional, or the application it to Trump is unconstitutional. Like my saying I am not a Democrat, my explanation seemed to go in one of my ex-lawyer friend's ears and right back out the same ear.

I read online this morning that, in the past, the New York Attorney General Office had successfully used 63(12) against Trump University. Meaning, Trump knew about 63(12) when he inflated the value of his assets to get low interest loans for his investments. When I told my lawyer friend that today, it seemed to get his attention.

For further example of in and back out the same ear, a discussion I had with someone under a recent Chris Hedges's report on the United States Government trying to extradite Julian Assange from England.

<https://chrishedges.substack.com/p/julian-assanges-final-appeal-read>

Julian Assange's Final Appeal - Read by Eunice Wong Chris Hedges

Julian Assange will make his final appeal this week to the British courts to avoid extradition. If he is extradited it is the death of investigations into the inner workings of power by the press.

Soan Bashinsky

I thought the real reason Assange was prosecuted by America was what he released about Hillary Clinton, which, along with what Russian hackers came up with, looked to me gave the White House to Donald Trump.

Paul Girard

Sure. But to be clear, Hilary Clinton gave the White House up with her horrible behaviour and actions. I'm not saying the rest are any better; as far as I can see, they generally are all the uniparty of war and oligarchy.

Sloan Bashinsky

I think Hillary and the Dems were/are behind Assange being prosecuted by America.

Down here in The Heart of Dixie MAGA stronghold, The Alabama Supreme Court ruled regarding in vitro fertilization (IVF) embryos:

"[T]he Wrongful Death of a Minor Act is sweeping and unqualified. It applies to all children, born and unborn, without limitation. It is not the role of this Court to craft a new limitation based on our own view of what is or is not wise public policy. That is especially true where, as here, the People of this State have adopted a Constitutional amendment directly aimed at stopping courts from excluding 'unborn life' from legal protection."

In the wake of that decision, Alabama's U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville was all for people making a whole lot more babies, but he had no response to the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham and other Alabama medical providers ceased providing IVF services to avoid getting the shit sued out of them, if by chance or happenstance something bad happened to frozen embryos in their possession.

'It's really scary': Hear Tommy Tuberville's stunning response to question on Alabama IVF ruling

Mini Timmaraju, President and CEO of Reproductive Freedom for All and Molly Jong Fast, Special Correspondent for Vanity Fair joins Alicia Menendez in for Nicolle Wallace on Deadline White House with reaction to Republicans trying to backtrack their extreme views on reproductive health in the wake of the Alabama Supreme Court ruling on IVF, treats embryos as human life.

Read in MSNBC: <https://apple.news/AYWPrGdRBSC2ry9v7dRDOqA>

A fast-track bill was introduced by Democrats in the Alabama Legislature to exempt IFV from the Alabama Supreme Court ruling.

Meanwhile, it still seems nobody but Senator Tuberville knows where he actually lives, but there is no proof he lives in Alabama, and there is much evidence he lives in the Florida Panhandle.

When Tuberville campaigned for the U.S. Senate, he said he would do whatever Donald Trump told him to do.

After being elected, Tuberville ran a months-long one-man blockade in the U.S. Senate of U.S. Military promotions, because the U.S. Military was helping its pregnant personnel get to states that allowed abortions. Tuberville finally relented after Trump figured out Tuberville was costing Trump votes.

The other day, I posted this below into an online discussion that the world has become dystopian and most people are brainwashed. I wondered if anyone in the discussion wondered if my comment might be addressed to them? There were no replies.

Sloan Bashinsky

In the main, humanity indeed is brainwashed, programmed like computers, behaves like lemmings. lives in herds, which actually are cults. People in cults cannot be reasoned with, reached. They, and their leaders, are incapable of introspection, looking at themselves in the mirror and taking fearless and searching inventories of themselves. The many beams in their own eyes.

Convinced they are right, pointing their finger everywhere but at themselves, they are l-o-s-t, un-woke, asleep- thinking they are woke, all-seeing, all-knowing.

The cold truth is, humanity, America, Israel, Russia, China, Iran, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, for examples, moved through SNAFU deep into FUBAR. Trying to fix that may be noble, or it might be projection, or it might be dangerous, but it is futile. They will not change because someone tells them to change.

According to Acts of the Apostles, the Jewish pharisee Saul of Tarsus had no intention of stopping his getting Christians crucified by the Roman government if they did not renounce Jesus, until a bolt of lightning blinded him and knocked him off his horse on the road to Damascus, and Jesus asked him, "Saul, why do you persecute, me?" I bring that up, not to say it actually happened, but to say what might change herds and their leaders. Might.

an ancient mariner ponders romance?

I turned in last night reflecting on some women I have gotten to know somewhat since moving back to Birmingham in June 2018.

A dream around dawn took me back to a point in time and space when I romanced several very different women at the same time, and while it certainly was exciting, it certainly was anxious as well, and I resolved it, I hoped, by marrying one of them, which perhaps was not kind to her, given the great mess I was, which she had to endure, as did her successors.

God only knows I loved the scent of a woman and how much I hated being alone, lonely, so maybe God arranged for me to be alone for a very long time, and I got over being lonely and pining for a woman to keep me company sometimes, or longer.

Of late, and even longer, I think, or sense, some interest in me from women. God help them, if it's true. God help me, if it's true.

Perhaps I can lay some of the blame on Erick Rittenberry's Poetic Outlaws Substack Newsletter. Something he published the other day, and today, stirred something in me.



Selecting a Reader

By: Ted Kooser

POETIC OUTLAWS

FEB 20, 2024

First, I would have her be beautiful,
and walking carefully up on my poetry
at the loneliest moment of an afternoon,
her hair still damp at the neck
from washing it. She should be wearing
a raincoat, an old one, dirty
from not having money enough for the cleaners.
She will take out her glasses, and there
in the bookstore, she will thumb
over my poems, then put the book back
up on its shelf. She will say to herself,
“For that kind of money, I can get
my raincoat cleaned.” And she will.

Sloan Bashinsky

Sloan's Newsletter

Thumbed through, but did not actually read? Getting her raincoat cleaned more important than even one of his poems? That's his ideal reader? A woman he had loved, but she did not dig him?

man of aran

Not to mention, what he appreciates about her most, it seems, is her beauty. Cleaning the coat can only enhance that.
She has her priorities straight. Poetry in life is a necessity but in book form a luxury.

Sloan Bashinsky

It's the male author's priorities and broken heart I wonder about.

man of aran

Here's a take. The poem is ironic. The twist is he's not actually looking for a reader, just someone who creates beauty for its own sake. As he does with his poetry.

Sloan Bashinsky

Perhaps.

This thing that fell out of me in 1994 probably also applies to poetry.

*Although he sometimes tries to write fiction, when the tale is told,
every character is a character in himself, every plot a plot in himself.
There are no surprises, only his to discover the parts of himself he has
lost, forgotten, thrown away, or never even knew were there. In this
way perhaps he and God are somewhat alike: they both create to
discover just who and what they really are.*

Yet, I agree. All of life is poetry, and that she preferred to have her rain coat cleaned, perhaps of him, perhaps of tears she had shed because of him, perhaps because his poetry did not appeal to her, either, itself is poetry.

Whatever moved him to write that poem was deep.

Lightly, My Darling

By: Aldous Huxley

POETIC OUTLAWS

FEB 24, 2024

It's dark because you are trying too hard.
Lightly child, lightly. Learn to do everything lightly.
Yes, feel lightly even though you're feeling deeply.
Just lightly let things happen and
lightly cope with them.

I was so preposterously serious in those days,
such a humorless little prig.
Lightly, lightly – it's the best advice ever given me.
When it comes to dying even.
Nothing ponderous, or portentous, or emphatic.

No rhetoric, no tremolos, no self conscious
persona putting on its celebrated imitation
of Christ or Little Nell.
And of course, no theology, no metaphysics.
Just the fact of dying and the fact
of the clear light.

So throw away your baggage and go forward.
There are quicksands all about you,
sucking at your feet,
trying to suck you down into fear and
self-pity and despair.
That's why you must walk so lightly.

Lightly my darling, on tiptoes and no luggage,
not even a sponge bag, completely unencumbered.

Sloan Bashinsky

Absolutely lovely.

81, with its physical aches and pains, waking up each morning
wondering why I'm still here? Still hoping a miracle will cause my body
to feel better, or the death angel will take me home, or somewhere
new, to spare me what no beloved old, suffering pet has to endure.
Living alone, a monk, all but a few months since late 2000, engulfed in
metaphysics day and night, in all the way but not of this world, what
woman could endure that regimen with no end? Lightly, what is that?

Remember, I cannot. Perhaps it's possible? I haven't a clue. Is romance possible? Will viagra work? I haven't a clue. Do I even want to try? I really don't know. Back in the day, I would be all in.

Perhaps these poems also are in play?

"Bi Polar"

the world's favorite mood disorder
the cause of all human ails,
including wars,
if the demons aren't counted

bi polar disorder,
the destruction of the
south pole,
the feminine,
the north pole,
he ain't been
right in the head
since she's been gone

(2016)

"Eve's Answer"

Vexing Truth
Life is Poetry,
Poetry is Life,
There's no more to say,
but that would make God
a really dull boy,
now wouldn't it, Eve?

So, Eve, What say you?
After all, You have been,

still are,
blamed,
for everything that went wrong
with hu - MAN - i - ty.

Well, do you really want to hear
what I gotta say?
Is this one of those
be careful what you ask for pregnancies?
Well, is it?

Probably, but say what you wish -
I s'pect you need to be heard.

Heard?
Funny you mention ears.
Yes, ears.
Such important receptacles.
Yet filled with concrete,
shit, propaganda, beliefs, certainties,
well, let's not leave out
SUPERSTITION and RELIGION,
now should we?

By the way,
where do ya suppose
God came from?
Or, out of?

And, why do ya s'pose
I made Eve
in my own IMAGE?'

'Cause Adam was
so bored and dull -

so ... predictable
He was BORING!!!
the shit outta me!!!
That's why.

Now
Shusssssh -
Don't go round quoting me
on any of that -
I've had quite enough of
the religious right
ta last me
the rest of forever!

(2018)

And this:

"I AM A MAN"

I am a man.

I said,
I am a man!

What means it,
being a man?

A man is a warrior:
he lives by a code of honor,
his word is reliable,
his actions confirm his words,
his commitment is holiness,
his enemies are welcome at his hearth,
he fears but moves forward,
he cries and gets up again,

he hates but forgives,
he loves and let's go,
he doubts but trusts God,
he's a good friend,
he seeks resolutions,
he demands nothing,
he risks everything,
he regrets his mistakes,
he seeks to make amends,
he puts others' welfare first,
he accepts apologies truly made,
he expects nothing back,
he lives ready to die,
he laughs when he "should" scream,
he screams when he "should" laugh,
he sings just because,
he shrugs off insults,
he learns from misfortune,
he cusses God for making him,
he wishes he was done,
he loves children and animals,
he relishes a woman's scent,
he smiles when he's content,
he knows God's his master,
he walks in rainbows,
his garden is the world,
his way is nature,
he loves fishing,
his wife is his soul,
his food is life,
his pay is whatever he receives.

Yep, he's crazy.

(2003)

And:

“SHANGHAIED”

A calling to serve carries its own wisdom,
which legitimates both the calling and the serving
so that the two are one:
Only the one called to serve
can know this wisdom,
and for some who are called
the knowing comes easily,
while for others the knowing is a fiery baptism.
Each calling is different,
and while some callings can be declined,
others cannot,
and those whose calling is without repentance
know they are in it for the duration of the calling,
and while others may try to persuade them out of it,
the calling for ones such as these always prevails;
thus is it advised to all called for keeps
that they view their calling as a blessing
even when it seems at times to be a curse,
and that they try to reconcile the loss of their captain status
and allow the Spirit of God to man the helm of their ship
and be glad and willing crew members thereon,
knowing that all sailing ships of souls
need a crew as well as a captain
to maintain and navigate the ship through
seas of many tones, depths and flavors;
so consider each league sailed
as part of the overall journey
going to where the captain deigns to go
by using whatever winds and sea currents available
to navigate the ship to the experiences
this ship and crew need to have

in order to fulfill their calling and its wisdom
revealed by the journey of many leagues,
many known only to the ship and its crew,
all of whom come to know,
some sooner than others,
that once conscripted
there is no safe jumping ship.

(2004)

The Old Man and the Sea presents at a starving writers as a mystical experience conference

In an American novels course my senior year at Vanderbilt, the professor seemed to admire Ernest Hemingway's novels about maintaining grace under fire, and the professor said we knew when the bad guy showed up in a Hemingway novel, because he didn't drink. Hemingway was well-known for drinking, writing and fishing in Key West, Cuba and Bimini.

When I lived mostly in Key West, late 2000-2018, I sometimes was urged to enter the Hemingway contest, in which inebriated old white men with white Ernest Hemmingway-like beards, wearing Orvis fishing outfits, stood on a stage hoping to be chosen the winner. Sometimes I said I wouldn't enter the contest, because I knew how to write and fish, and I didn't drink.

Yesterday's post about a tale of a Pleiadean colony in Kundalina, Alabama, whose hero didn't want to practice law, and two tales about a chubby redneck gal with anger issues and her lover boy lawyer with angel issues, who didn't want to be president, garnered a response from a fellow in nowhere Nebraska, who might have a bright future disturbing the status quo far beyond where the buffalo once were said to roam and the clouds were not cloudy all day.

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God speaks in strange ways through art! Any other substances involved my dude? Sounds like a my kinda novel!

Sloan Bashinsky

Naw, other than body fluids :-), of which there are plenty in parts of *Kundalina* and *Heavy Wait*, but not so much in *Return of the Strange*, which wriggled up out of me last year, after all the blooms had fallen off the roses, so to speak.

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When the divine works through you ya just gotta let it flow brother! I can't imagine ever writing a novel, that must be an experience!

Sloan Bashinsky

Based on what I have read of yours, your Muse is working on you pretty darn good, and that's why I took a shine to you. There might be a novel or two or three in you, and if She shows up in that way, go with her wherever she takes you.

A couple of years before *Kundalina*, *Alabana* started showing herself to me, I was invited to be a speaker at a writer's conference at Birmingham Southern College. I then lived in Colorado, and by then

was deep into my writings being steered by something much bigger and smarter than me. Out of the blue, it came to me use “writing as a mystical experience” for my topic, and then I was swamped with looking at Ernest Hemingway’s *Old Man and the Sea*, the last novel he completed, as his unconscious suicide note. The boy left behind at the dock was young Hemingway whose father had no time for him. The great marlin was Hemingway’s manhood. The sharks were his feminine, come to take back what he had tried so hard to prove to himself, and the the cancer that would eat his brain until he manned up and killed himself.

That was my spiel during the first day of the writer’s conference in a small seminar room. There didn’t seem to be much interest. The 2nd day, I had the entire conference for my audience, and I tried again, and there didn’t seem to be much interest in writers writing about themselves unawares, and I was feeling stuck, when someone asked me what I did about writers block, and I said I didn’t get it. When there was something to write, I had to write it. When nothing was coming, I did something else. And that’s when it got interesting.

About a year later, *Kundalina* started showing up and I typed maybe 100 pages, and then seemed to dry up and I put her aside. I was playing golf at different public golf courses, picking up playing partners at the pro shop. One day, I was put with two men, one lived in Alaska. I asked him if he knew a fellow from Birmingham, who was a college fraternity brother of mine, and then he went to law school, and ended up making a whole lot of money suing auto manufacturers in Alaska, for defective products? The man said he knew the lawyer very well, they were good friends. I said my early childhood next door neighbor sweetheart and the lawyer became an item, and then it didn’t work out and it was rough for them both. The fellow said he had not heard of that and he would be sure to bring it up when he returned to Alaska. I advised be careful, it was a big owee for his friend.

The next morning, I woke up feeling like an idiot. That little girl was the model for the heroine in *Kundalina*. I went back to work on the

manuscript, and after completing a draft, shared it with the desktop publisher lady, who had gotten my book *Prisons & Freedom* ready for printing. She read the manuscript and said I had done a good job on the hero, Riley Strange, but not on Mary Lou Snow. I needed to bring her to life. So chastised, I brought her to life.

A friend in Birmingham read *Kundalina* and asked my clinical social worker Sandplay therapist wife where in the hell did Sloan find Mary Lou, he was in love with her?! Betty told him, Mary Lou is a part of Sloan.

About a year later, two novels showed up at the same time and I wrote on both of them each morning and finished both on the same day. *Br'er Rabbit Meets the Devil* and *Krazy Justice* were wild rides, too. But before they could be published by a vanity press, Betty said she wanted time apart and my world imploded and I left America for a while and those two novels eventually were lost.

How something a lot bigger and smarter than me caused me to write *Heavy Wait* about as fast as I could type it is explained in the beginning of that strange tale about two very different Rileys and Mary Lous, and a redneck gal named Willa Sue Jenkins. I thought when it was done that there would have to be a sequel, but it didn't come, and it didn't come, and finally it came last year.

The Muse is different for each writer, poet, novelist, etc. I describe how the Muse is for me.

A little while before the two lost novels were coming up out of me, this came:

He feels deep beauty in the dark pool from which his writings flow, she clings to him like fine silk, precious oil, she feels solid, compressed, like a black pearl growing from inside out, ever larger with each stroke of his pen, pushing her precious waters over her banks into his dreams and life.

Free Radio Rulo

Wild! I would have enjoyed the Hemingway analysis. So some of your characters often turn out to be parts of your subconscious? This all reminds me of James Joyce for some reason. Is he an influence of yours? Who else influences your style?

Sloan Bashinsky

When I read Joyce several lifetimes back, so to speak, he was much too deep for me to grasp. If there is a writer who influenced my writing style, it was Tom Robbins, whose novels *Just Another Roadside Attraction*, *Jitterbug Perfume* and *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* left me kinda jangled and enamored. But I think it was Hemingway who perhaps planted a seed in me that caused me to fantasize being a writer someday.

I wonder if my father had it to do over, he would have urged me to take a typing course during my first year in high school? He said he had found being able to touch type was valuable in his business life. Some things I wrote to him and about our family did not please him. But my goodness did being able to touch type make it so much easier to shoot off my mouth on paper and computer screens.

My writing style evolved as time passed. Professional book editors and a creative writing class helped some in the beginning, Then angels helped some. That kind of editing wasn't much fun for me, but I fortunately was able to accept it as constructive.

That was before the poetry and novels came. They had their own style which I suppose was buried in me, asleep.

My writings always were out of the box, disturbing the status quo. The first two poems, which I will fetch, set the tone.

I wrote maybe 50,000 pages of blog posts. Starting 2019, some of the blogs became books, but the novels were stand alones. I did not sit

down and dream them up. They dreamed me up. Same with the poetry, and some prose that just up and came out of me.

"Living Poets"

Dead poets are poets who never write
Who obey shoulds and oughts
Who live to please others
Who value money over God
Who die without ever having lived
Death is their mark
Dead poets are remembered by the living.
Living poets are remembered by time
Dead poets never sing their song
Living poets never stop singing it
The difference between the two is this:
One worships fear, the other life
To be a dead poet is hard
It requires being someone else
To be a living poet is easy
It only means being myself
One choice is hell, the other heaven
That is what is meant by free will

(1991)

"The Mockingbird"

I happened upon a mockingbird
singing its fool head off –
I asked it how and why it sang?
But all it did was look ahead,
all it did was sing.
It never turned to see if I was watching,
or listened for money jingling in my pockets,
or asked if I liked its music,

or expected a recording contract –
It was too busy singing
to pay any attention to me.
Thus did I learn
the greatest sin of all

is to kill a mockingbird.
(1992)

If you read the novels *Kundalina*, *Heavy Wait* and *Return of the Strange*, you will see and feel very different writing from what I post at my Substack and blogs. And you might wonder when it's made up, and when it isn't. But then, not a few times I have been accused of making up my non-fiction books and blogs, which often are stranger than fiction :-).

**I moved from small open air insane asylum Key West back to multitudes
flew over the cuckoo's nest Alabama**



I mostly lived in Key West from 2001-2018. Locals called it The Conch Republic. Before I lived there, the city briefly seceded from the Union, until it realized it depended entirely on FEMA to resurrect it after being clobbered by a big hurricane.

Locals also called Key West, Key Weird, where the weird go pro. I viewed the city as an open air insane asylum, where you couldn't get locked up for being different, and unlike Hotel California, you could leave any time you wanted.

A small city, Key West had people from many ethnic backgrounds and nationalities, and I concluded it was a proxy for the rest of America, and as Key West went, so went America.

I was wrong.

Although Key West had a lot of churches, about 1/5 of the adults living there were not heterosexual and the religious right had very little sway. A lesbian Democrat living in Key West was elected to the city's county commission seat. A lesbian Democrat was elected to the city commission. Now she is the city's mayor.

I was further wrong.

Key West voted Democrat in every national and state election. Perhaps that dated back to the Civil War, when Key West was a Union port, but the locals sympathized with the Confederacy.

I was further wrong.

Even the professional weirdos in Key West thought I was weird.

In the late fall of 2018, I moved back to my home state Alabama, which bills itself as The Heart of Dixie.

Montgomery was the Confederacy's capital.

When I was growing up, Alabama voted Democrat in national and state elections, until the U.S. Supreme Court, Congress and President John F. Kennedy and the Alabama National Guard and President Lyndon Baines Johnson de-segregated Alabama, and Alabama morphed into a Republican stronghold.

Today, Alabama is MAGA country.

Today, Alabama is right-wing religious freak country.

What the fuck am I doing here?!

In Al.com's **Down In Alabama** today...

Embryos and an alleged fetus

It's good to see y'all back, and I hope your weekend was a good one.

It's no surprise we're going to pick right back up with Story No. 1 in the state right now -- the legal status of embryos and its effect on in vitro fertilization.

Thanks for being with us.

Ike Morgan

Embryo-gate raged on through the weekend, even [taking up time on Saturday Night Live](#), for anyone who might've been watching.

Heading into the weekend in Alabama, Democrats introduced a bill in the House and Republicans in the Senate said they were preparing legislation to preserve in vitro fertilization in the wake of the state Supreme Court's ruling that interpreted a state law as giving human embryos the same rights as children.

[Gov. Kay Ivey also said she was working with lawmakers to preserve IVF.](#)

Within days of the court's ruling, some clinics stopped providing IVF services. Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall said on Friday that the AG's office had "no intention" of prosecuting anyone using the procedure. That prompted some, including Hoover Republican Rep. Susan DuBose, to lean on clinics to restart IVF treatments, [reports AL.com's Sarah Whites-Koditschek](#).

Note that while the AG's promise may have eased concerns over *criminal* prosecution, this issue arose from a *civil* case over destroyed embryos.

to fetuses (or a lack of, in this case)

AL.com did a story last year on the extent to which Etowah County has arrested women who allegedly used drugs while pregnant. It's happened more there than anywhere else -- 250 over a 10-year period -- and led to some women spending much of their pregnancy in jail. Now, reports AL.com's Amy Yurkanin, a woman recently settled a lawsuit against Etowah County Sheriff's Office employees over being jailed for endangering a fetus that didn't exist.

According to court documents, the woman spent 36 hours in jail and wasn't pregnant at all. Apparently, her young child -- who does exist -- told a case worker that the mom was pregnant.

Young'ns, man.

According to court documents, the woman offered to take a pregnancy test but it didn't happen. Terms of the settlement were not released.

I emailed Ike:

Your IVF and imaginary pregnant woman in jail howlers today, and what I already knew about The Make Alabama Great IVF FUBAR, left me laughing my ass off and wondering when the Jesus never knew me freaks in the Alabama Legislature will pass legislation to reopen Bryce Hospital in Tuscaloosa to shelter themselves and their birds of cuckoo feather Supreme Court justices and like-minded dodo bird Alabamians from the bright sunlight, which would reveal the truth that would set them free, if their heads didn't permanently reside where the sun never shines.

In another of my 81-year-old play pens, Poetic Outlaws:

Sloan Bashinsky

Sloan's Newsletter

81, with its physical aches and pains, waking up each morning wondering why I'm still here? Still hoping a miracle will cause my body to feel better, or the death angel will take me home, or somewhere new, to spare me what no beloved old, suffering pet has to endure. Living alone, a monk, all but a few months since late 2000, engulfed in metaphysics day and night, in all the way but not of this world, what woman could endure that regimen with no end? Lightly, what is that? Remember, I cannot. Perhaps it's possible? I haven't a clue. Is romance possible? Will viagra work? I haven't a clue. Do I even want to try? I really don't know. Back in the day, I would be all in.

Lasita

Lasita's Substack

Sending love; sorry I cannot do it in person... but perhaps you can feel it.

Sloan Bashinsky

Sloan's Newsletter

Maybe in person, I might go into cardiac arrest and depart this plane and see what happens then? :-)

I went to Lasita's Substack to see what was there:

Openness and Love

LASITA

AUG 12, 2023

How do I live my basic principles? Also, how do I continue writing a post? Being a newbie in this practice, makes it difficult. I feel a need to share since so many people are feeling similar emotions these days and to know we have support is important. I met a friend today on my walk by the Santa Fe River: Rachamana, and she asked me; "how are you feeling hope in these times?" I acknowledged that it was very challenging, especially since the invasion of Ukraine.

Lasita

I will keep adding comments UNTIL I work out how to publish new posts.

Today I want to share a LESSON from one of my Spiritual Teachers: HERMAN REDNICK.

This is from Volume 1 of EARTH JOURNEY, p. 629

BROTHERHOOD

To break the hypnosis and see with a clear eye, imagine for a moment that you love everyone here. There is no criticism or resentment. Your heart glows and you are grateful for the person sitting next to you. You have no fear of how anyone will react or of what they think of you. For a moment you let the divine fire within your heart glow. You feel a sense of joy and freedom you never felt before. The hypnosis that gripped you in the past and your resistance to people is gone. Now it is not your personality but your true self coming through the heart. You experience what it means to truly love your brother. You realize that in the past you were in a state of bondage through a state of hypnosis.

You can now taste the pure joy and freedom that come from love without reservation.

mantra:

I love my neighbor.

His (Her) soul and mine are one.

Sloan Bashinsky

Sloan's Newsletter

I dunno, I just get up each morning and face the day and whatever it brings, the good, the bad, the beautiful and the ugly, and even the horrible sometimes, doing the best I can, being as real as I can, which includes sometimes getting angry and wondering what's the point? Because I am somewhat woke after 81 years and climbing, what I see, in the main, looks like SNAFU progressed to FUBAR and even past that to FIDO. But I keep waking up each day, so I'm still supposed to be here, and since I can't do a lot of things I use to do, I do what I am able, which kinda reminds me of a line out of a Rolling Stones song, "You can't always get what you want, but you always get what you need," which kinda reminds me of the title of a Gloria Steinem book, "The Truth Will Set You Free, But First It Will Piss You Off."

This came to me as I was moving into something new in 1995.

Love without Truth
is mush
Truth without Love
is harsh
They live together,
or die

I then proceeded to forget all about that and ended up in a black night of the soul, which made an earlier dark night of the soul seem wonderful. But, if I had not experienced the black night, I might not have been able to cope with what came after it, which was, well, not exactly a bed of roses, but it was a lot easier than the black night.

Amendment 14 justice for all except Donald Trump



Ta, da!

Amendment XIV

Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Section 2.

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice

President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a state, or the members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the **male** inhabitants of such state, **being twenty-one years of age**, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such state.

Section 3.

No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any state, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any state legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any state, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

Section 4.

The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any state shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

Section 5.

The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Ta, da...

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

No. 23–719

DONALD J. TRUMP, PETITIONER v.

NORMA ANDERSON, ET AL.

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT

OF COLORADO

[March 4, 2024]

PER CURIAM.

A group of Colorado voters contends that Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution prohibits former President Donald J. Trump, who seeks the Presidential nomination of the Republican Party in this year’s election, from becoming President again. The Colorado Supreme Court agreed with that contention. It ordered the Colorado secretary of state to exclude the former President from the Republican primary ballot in the State and to disregard any write-in votes that Colorado voters might cast for him.

Former President Trump challenges that decision on several grounds. Because the Constitution makes Congress, rather than the States, responsible for enforcing Section 3

against federal officeholders and candidates, we reverse.

Here's a google docs link to the entire opinion:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GfVSw80agqDr5WQAF-WVw6av_BO-AO6vo1hltfk5Cxo/edit

More specifically, 3 Democrat and 6 Republican Supreme Court Justices ruled states cannot enforce Amendment 14, Section 3 in federal elections, and 5 Republican Justices went further and ruled only Congress can enforce 14/3 in federal elections, especially the presidency. States can enforce 14/3 in state elections. The majority opinion became the new law of the land.

Of note, the 9 Justices did not overrule the Colorado State Court finding and the Colorado Supreme Court affirmance that Donald Trump engaged in insurrection against the U.S. Constitution.

Of note, in past times, the U.S. Supreme Court enforced the other parts of Amendment 14 without any Act of Congress prescribing or allowing such enforcement.

For example, On May 17, 1954, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren delivered the unanimous ruling in the landmark civil rights case *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*. State-sanctioned segregation of public schools was a violation of the 14th amendment and was therefore unconstitutional. This historic decision marked the end of the "separate but equal" precedent set by the Supreme Court nearly 60 years earlier in *Plessy v. Ferguson* and served as a catalyst for the expanding civil rights movement during the decade of the 1950s.

For example, in *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides a fundamental "right to privacy", which protects a pregnant woman's right to an abortion. It also held that the right to abortion is not absolute and must be balanced against the

government's interests in protecting women's health and prenatal life. It resolved these competing interests by announcing a pregnancy trimester timetable to govern all abortion regulations in the United States. The Court also classified the right to abortion as "fundamental", which required courts to evaluate challenged abortion laws under the "strict scrutiny" standard, the most stringent level of judicial review in the United States.

Thus, in *Trump v. Anderson*, the U.S. Supreme Court, *sui juris* (in its own right), could have ruled Trump was barred from holding federal office regardless of whether Colorado or any state could enforce 14/3 against Trump.

Instead, the U.S. Supreme Court made Congress the sole enforcer of 14/3 in federal elections, while the Court retained the power to enforce the rest of Amendment 14.

That is so beyond nuts that it defames nuts to be dragged into it.

Let me back up.

For a very long time, Republicans screeched states' rights trumped the power of the federal government to interfere in states' affairs. Before then, Democrats, including Alabama Governor George Wallace, screeched states' rights trumped federal government interference in states' affairs.

In *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, 597 U.S. 215 (2022), the U.S. Supreme Court held the Constitution of the United States does not confer a right to abortion. The court's decision overruled *Roe v. Wade* and said abortion is a matter for each state to decide.

Yet, according to the nine justices in *Trump v. Anderson*, states cannot enforce Amendment 14/3, nor by logical inference, any other part of Amendment 14, unless Congress has passed an act allowing states to do that.

That is so beyond nuts that it defames nuts to be dragged into it.

So, what do you think really happened?

What really happened is plain as day.

After a Denver Colorado satellite radio station interviewed a federal judge about my Amendment 14, Section 3 law school exam question and answer, which is a free read at <https://archive.org/details/amendment-14-section-3-law-school-exam>, and my tech friend Bob's and my podcast about the law school exam question, <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox?projector=1>, the radio station was inundated with death threats, its bonding company cancelled coverage, and the station went off the air.

After the Colorado Supreme Court then ruled 14/3 barred Trump from holding public office and thus could not be on the Colorado ballot, the justices on that court were inundated with death threats.

After the Maine Secretary of State then ruled 14/3 barred Trump from being on the Maine ballot, the Maine Secretary of State was inundated with death threats.

In the federal and state civil and criminal cases against Trump, the presiding judges and prosecuting attorneys were inundated with death threats.

Wanting to stay alive, the 6 Republican and 3 Democrat Supreme Court Justices ruled states cannot enforce Amendment 14, Section 3 in federal elections. Members of Congress have the same self preservation interest.

On top of that, the Republican members of Congress will never vote to pass a law applying 14/3 to their candidate, Donald Trump. But they might vote to apply 14/3 to Joe Biden, if Trump tells them to do it.

Sloan Bashinsky, J.D., LLM (taxation), former United District Court Judge's law clerk and practicing attorney.

state of the plagued union America



It's now March 10, 2023.

In dreams last night, I was shown that I had missed the main point in the March 8 “state of the union plagued America” post, in that I was supposed to write it as an American trying to bring all Americans together, because we are Americans. So, this morning, I rewrote that post and just now I deleted the original post, which I now wonder if I should not have done, but it's done and I don't know how to resurrect it. Anyway, here is the new version.

Last night, I watched President Biden's state of the union message on CNN, which lasted around 70 minutes. I was transfixed by his focus, moving smoothly from one topic to another, speaking to bread and butter issues, calling out the Republicans before him, and their former president, like they were standing before a Gatling gun. Whatever I think about Biden as a person and his politics and philosophies, his cognitive function was splendid, and all of America and the entire world got to see it. I felt the Republicans might need:

HURT FEELINGS REPORT 	
Date Of Hurt Feelings _____	
Time Of Hurtfulness _____ A.M. P.M.	
Which Ear Was Hurtfulness Spoken Into: Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is There Permanent Feeling Damage? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Did You Need A Tissue For The Tears Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Reason For Filing Report (Check All That Apply)	
1. I Am Thin Skinned	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I Am A Little Bitch	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I Am A Cry Baby	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I Want My Mommy	<input type="checkbox"/>
If You Feel You Need A Hug, Go Home To Mommy And She Will Change Your Diaper. If You Feel As Though You Need To Speak To Someone To Soothe You, Call This Number: 1-800-Cry-Baby	
Signature _____	

The looks on the faces of the Republican leader of the House of Representatives and all of the Republicans in the audience shrieked they were NOT HAPPY. Like it or not, willing to admit it or not, the fact is "Sleepy Joe Biden" is exponentially more mentally and emotionally stable than "very stable genius" Donald Trump.

This college economics major and former practicing attorney with a tax law degree, who worked for his father's large Alabama corporation Golden Flake Snack Foods, Inc. and then as a practicing attorney represented regular people and small companies, smiled when Joe Biden reeled off statistics showing how well the American economy is doing, and when he said it's high time rich people and corporations start paying the same proportional taxes that ordinary working men and women pay, and it's high time Americans start paying the same low prices for prescription drugs and medical care that people every where else in the world pay, and it's high time Republicans stop threatening to reduce Social Security and gut Obamacare.

I smiled when Biden said he will pass a federal law bringing *Roe v. Wade* back to life, but as a lawyer, I didn't see how he will be able to do it with 6 religious conservatives on the U.S. Supreme Court. I wished Biden would issue an Executive Order saying the Supreme Court was wrong for saying in *Dobbs v. Jackson* that American women had no historic right to abortion, thus it could not be a constitutional right, when Ben Franklin himself wrote in his book, *The American Instructor*, that American women in his day, and since antiquity, used herbs, made by Mother Nature and/or God to prevent and terminate pregnancies, and he is ordering his Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Director to make abortion pills freely available at every FBI and DEA office and federal courthouse in the United States of America.

When a man in the audience shrieked that his son was killed in Afghanistan because Biden pulled America out of Afghanistan, I wondered why that son's father did not shriek about President George W. Bush and his Vice-President starting that rich white man for profit war, and President Barack Obama continuing that war after accepting the Nobel Prize for

peace, and President Trump continuing that war, and that's why his son was in Afghanistan in the first place? Those leaders knew how it went in Saigon after America pulled out of that rich white man for profit war. What were the father and his son thinking might happen if his son went to Afghanistan, which had proven a graveyard for American troops, and for Soviet Union troops before that, and for British troops before that?

When Biden talked about the war in Gaza and having the Navy build a floating dock to receive American aid to the beleaguered people of Gaza, and he and his people were pushing hard for a ceasefire in Gaza, I wanted to tell him, "If you really wanted a ceasefire, why did you keep sending Israel money and arms after you saw Israel obliterating Gaza? Why aren't you not spending that money to help Texas and other southern border states defend against the invasion from Mexico, and why aren't you spending that money helping American cities deal with a flood of immigrants sent to them by Texas and other southern states?"

When Biden called out the Republicans for not passing his southern border defense bill before Congress, while criticizing him about the southern border, I wished he would bring home American troops from dangerous places to defend the southern border as peacefully as possible, and ban Americans and their money from going into Mexico, and ban people in America from sending money to Mexico- until Mexico stops the invasion into America.

American cities are overwhelmed with having to take care of homeless immigrants, and that simply needs to stop. It is not America's job to receive and take care of non-Americans, when so many Americans need help with just getting by. Donald Trump and the MAGAs and the Republicans are right about that.

When Biden called for much stronger gun control and comprehensive background checks, I wished he would bring his troops home and use them and the national guards to defend America's public schools from domestic terrorists aided and abetted by gun makers, the National Rifle Association and the United States Supreme Court.

When Biden talked about all the work he has done helping bring electric cars and trucks and their several thousand pound batteries and charging stations to America, I wondered where he will put the toxic batteries after they wear out? I wondered why he has not allowed the automotive industry to use road-tested devices in the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C., which can be installed in car and truck engines, which use electrolysis to pull hydrogen out of water to fuel internal combustion engines, which do not pollute the air, and a sedan can go several hundred miles on a quart of water, and gasoline no longer will be a burdensome expense for most Americans, and while the oil industry will become a whole lot less important, maybe America can forget about the Middle East because it no longer needs oil from there.

When Biden talked about the covid shutdown of America, I remembered that he, the Democrats and the American medical industrial complex led the charge to discredit New York family practitioner physician Vladimir Zelenko's cheap 5-day early stage infection cure, which would have allowed America to stay open and save America from Red China's bioweapon.

Dr. Vladimir (Zev) Zelenko
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March 23, 2020

To all medical professionals around the world:

My name is Dr. Zev Zelenko and I practice medicine in Monroe, NY. For the last 16 years, I have cared for approximately 75% of the adult population of Kiryas Joel, which is a very close knit community of approximately 35,000 people in which the infection spread rapidly and unchecked prior to the imposition of social distancing.

As of today my team has tested approximately 200 people from this community for Covid-19, and 65% of the results have been positive. If extrapolated to the entire community, that means more than 20,000 people are infected at the present time. Of this group, I estimate that there are 1500 patients who are in the high-risk category (i.e. >60, immunocompromised, comorbidities, etc).

Given the urgency of the situation, I developed the following treatment protocol in the pre-hospital setting and have seen only positive results:

1. Any patient with shortness of breath regardless of age is treated.
2. Any patient in the high-risk category even with just mild symptoms is treated.
3. Young, healthy and low risk patients even with symptoms are not treated (unless their circumstances change and they fall into category 1 or 2).

My out-patient treatment regimen is as follows:

1. Hydroxychloroquine 200mg twice a day for 5 days
2. Azithromycin 500mg once a day for 5 days
3. Zinc sulfate 220mg once a day for 5 days

The rationale for my treatment plan is as follows. I combined the data available from China and South Korea with the recent study published from France (sites available on request). We know that hydroxychloroquine helps Zinc enter the cell. We know that Zinc slows viral replication within the cell. Regarding the use of azithromycin, I postulate it prevents secondary bacterial infections. These three drugs are well known and usually well tolerated, hence the risk to the patient is low.

Since last Thursday, my team has treated approximately 350 patients in Kiryas Joel and another 150 patients in other areas of New York with the above regimen.

Of this group and the information provided to me by affiliated medical teams, we have had ZERO deaths, ZERO hospitalizations, and ZERO intubations. In addition, I have not heard of any negative side effects other than approximately 10% of patients with temporary nausea and diarrhea.

In sum, my urgent recommendation is to initiate treatment in the outpatient setting as soon as possible in accordance with the above. Based on my direct experience, it prevents acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), prevents the need for hospitalization and saves lives.

With much respect,

Dr. Zev Zelenko

cc: President Donald J. Trump; Mr. Mark Meadows, Chief of Staff

After President Trump and Meadows received that letter, Dr. Zelenko was interviewed by Sean Hannity on his FOX show.

Trump told Americans on National TV that hydroxychloroquine might be a miracle cure.

Trump's FDA director gave temporary emergency approval for hydroxychloroquine to treat Covid-19.

The Biden-Democrat-Medical-Industrial complex shrieked hydroxychloroquine killed people, even though for a long time hydroxychloroquine was used to treat malaria, lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.

The FDA director rescinded permission to use hydroxychloroquine to treat Covid-19.

From the website of Wisconsin U.S. Senator Ron Johnson:

April 10, 2020

Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned practicing physicians, urgently ask that you take two steps to help us treat patients according to our best ability and medical judgment, using the clinical and basic science data we already have on the effectiveness of certain established medicines in this war against COVID-19:

1. A Presidential Directive to remove the [FDA Emergency Use Authorization restriction](#) that states Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) and Chloroquine (CQ) from the Strategic National Stockpile, are only

approved "for certain hospitalized patients," and to direct the FDA to include the option of early out-patient use of these medications.

2. A Presidential Directive or Executive Order to a) prohibit Governors from arbitrarily restricting hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) to only hospitalized patients, and b) prohibit State Medical Boards and State Pharmacy Boards from threats of disciplinary action (now occurring in multiple states) against doctors and pharmacists legally prescribing and dispensing HCQ and CQ off-label for early treatment or prophylaxis for COVID-19 in out-patients or at-risk or exposed persons.

Restricting use to hospitalized patients means loss of the critical early window of opportunity to: (1) prevent the virus attaching to host cells, (2) reduce viral replication that prolongs time of infectivity and spread, (3) reduce the number of hospitalizations and need for intubation and mechanical ventilators, and (4) reduce risk of multi-organ damage and death or permanent lung impairment after recovery.

Evidence of successful treatment in thousands of patients is accumulating from many countries as well as U.S. physicians; it is far beyond "anecdotal."

HCQ has been FDA-approved for malaria since 1955, and it is now also approved for treating lupus and rheumatoid arthritis, with an impressive safety record.

When World Health Organization and U.S. academic experts say there is "no evidence that any medicine can prevent or cure" COVID-19, they correctly mean that we don't yet have a randomized, placebo-controlled, doubleblind clinical trial (RCT). But designing,

setting up, conducting, and analyzing any RCT takes many months or years.

We can't wait months for a completed RCT or a vaccine. People are dying every day. Staggering numbers of people have lost jobs, incomes, and ability to live life normally, all of which lead to loss of life that could quickly exceed losses from the virus.

Physicians taking care of patients in our communities across the country must be free to use the medicines at hand free of politicians and bureaucrats' second-guessing and threats. It is unprecedented—and lethal—for state governors and medical boards to forbid physicians' freedom to prescribe long-approved and safely used medications.

In a war to save lives and our country, we must fight with all the weapons we have at hand.

Instead of firing the FDA director and hiring a new FDA director, who would allow the use of hydroxychloroquine, zinc and azithromycin to treat Covid-19 in its early stage, very stable genius make America great again President Trump caved to the political pressure and launched Operation Warp Speed, which made some pharmaceutical companies a whole lot of money, while MAGAs and millions of other people all over America refused to be vaccinated, and hospitals all over America, including my home state Alabama, were flooded with dying Covid-19 patients, and people with other serious medical conditions were turned away by those hospitals.

The angels who run me and my tech friend Bob, who created The Redneck Mystic Lawyer Podcast and gets my books into the free internet

library, archive.org, very much liked Dr. Zelenko's March 23, 2020 letter to President Bush and Mark Meadows.

Those angels told Bob that Red China invented the bioweapon and was working on a vaccine, and the angels told me that it could not be allowed for Red China to have the weapon and the vaccine, so an angel caused the weapon to get loose to prevent Red China holding the rest of the world hostage.

Dr. Zelenko was God's doctor for Covid-19.

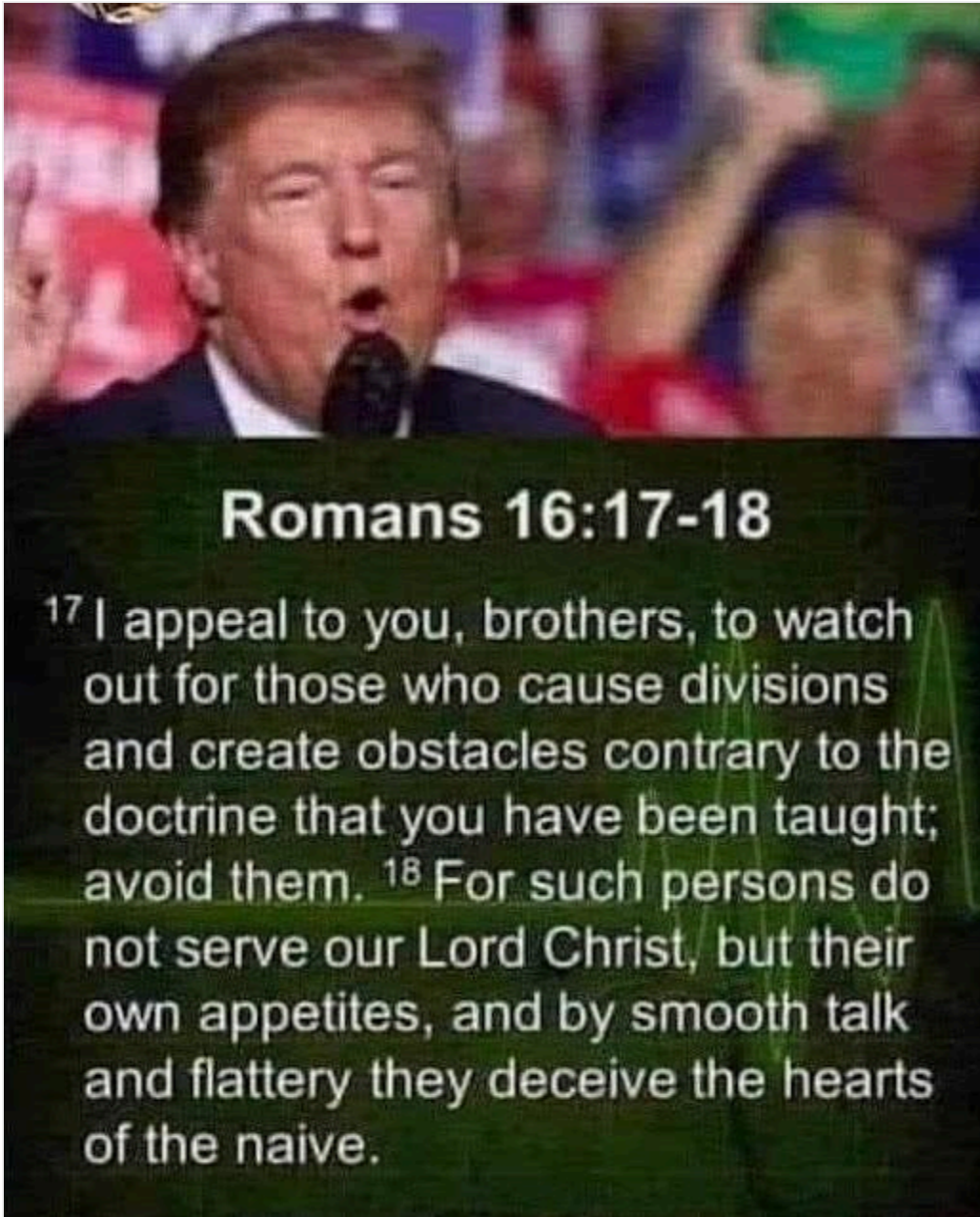
President Trump and Joe Biden and the Democrats and the medical-industrial complex screwed America when they threw God's cure under the bus.

A Trump fan who attended the January 6, 2020 rally, but did not go with the mob to assault the national capitol, Dr. Zelenko died on June 30, 2022.

If you Google search Dr. Zelenko, you will find plenty to discredit him. But then, if you Google search Joe Biden and Donald Trump, you will find plenty to discredit them.

The fate of Dr. Zelenko and his cheap, fast, early stage infection cure is one of many reasons why America needs a president and congressmen and federal judges who set aside their personal agendas and do what is best for rank and file Americans. The rich people in America need to go along with that, because it is the rank and file Americans who made them rich, unless they are trust fund babies whose parents were made rich by rank and file Americans.

Hey American religious right, who do you prefer, Adolph or Vladimir Trump?





From down in Floriduh where the orange beast lives...

My Two Senses

It's Like Déjà Vu All Over Again.

It's time to consider the ugly realities of 2024

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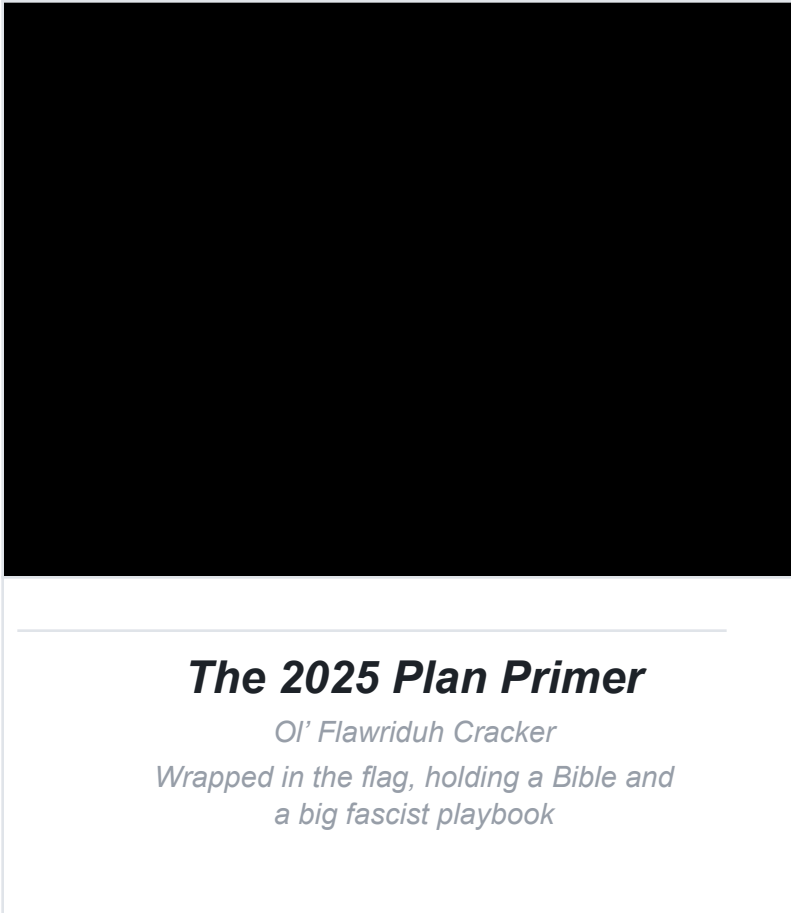
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The 1/6 2021 Capital Insurrection was only a botched trial run on disrupting and overturning the election to install Trump. These methods are being honed and expanded for 2024. Barring Trump or Biden (or even both) having a fatal stroke we can now suffer months of angst in the run up of a Biden v. Trump 2024 Presidential Election rematch.

Trump and his minions are salivating over the prospect of a victory, one in which Trump becomes “Dictator for a day” minutes after taking the oath of office. Former Sen. Liz Cheney (R) accurately warned on Dec. 4th of this year that Trump’s “Dictator for a day” is a dog whistle, assuring his base that he fully intends to take authoritarian hold of the

government and “never leave.” Suffice it to say that Trump always tells us exactly what he intends to do.



The vision of Trump as a de-facto Dictator is relished by his base. In the innocuously titled 950 page **“2025 Plan”** of the far right **Heritage Foundation** , “Day One” launches an array of highly detailed actions and policies that will eviscerate the upper echelons of the military, as well the purging of some 50,000 career civil servants. The summarily fired employees will immediately be replaced by politically vetted Trumpista loyalists. Most of these moves are aimed at the eradication of Federal agencies. This fifth column cadre will continue to erode if not destroy what is left of many agencies and their mandate to serve the America people.

Another aspect of “Day One” is found in the seemingly innocuous term, “The Unitary Executive.” This theory argues that there is constitutional law in which the President holds total power over all government agencies, as well as Congress and the Courts. There has never been a President in our history with this kind of power. In actuality such persons have been historically defined as dictators or authoritarians. The Unitary Executive creates a leader with a rubber-stamp government, providing only the illusion of a democratic governmental structure. There are no checks and balances, only a government that consistently aligns with the leader’s agenda.

Trump’s Ace In the Hole: National Emergency

Most Americans don’t grasp how close Trump came to declaring a state of martial law on Jan 6, 2021. The national emergency would only end when Trump decides to end it. This is what Gen. Milley was referencing in Trump’s attempt to realize a “***Reichstag Moment.***” Milley was alluding to a time when in February of 1933 the building housing the German Parliament was burnt to the ground in the early days of Hitler’s Nazi Regime. Hitler, blaming the Communists, invoked the “Enabling Acts”, granting him extraordinary powers. Ironically the very laws the Fascist employed were created by the recently dismantled Weimar Republic in a vain attempt to quell violence and insurrection from Communists and Fascist political factions. After declaring a state of emergency, Hitler assumed complete control of the government with an iron fist, making the Nazis the only legal

party, while arresting and incarcerating thousands in concentration camps. He also shut down press outlets that did not parrot the Nazi view. The “State of Emergency” remained in Germany ending in 1945 when Hitler’s charred remains were found outside his Berlin bunker and after an estimated 65 million people world wide were dead. Today the parallel form of laws the U.S. has to deal with national emergencies are referred to as PEADs (Presidential Emergency Action Documents). Since the attacks of 9/11, Congress has embedded numerous provisions into law that can be invoked by the Executive to meet threats to our nation in what he/she deems a state of Emergency.

According to Andrew Cockburn of *Harper’s Magazine* in his November 2020, article *The Enemies Briefcase*, these documents include: suspending habeas corpus, seizing control of the internet, imposing censorship, and incarcerating so called subversives. Among other repressive measures are suspension of a free press, mass arrest and detention without trial.

It will be years in the future before we have real insight on how people in the Pentagon, and possibly Trump’s own White House, foiled Trump activating a state of national emergency in the January 6th insurrection, but the known and documented actions of Mike Pence and Gen. Milley give us a pretty clear insight on just how close we were to a Trump dictatorship.

Trump’s Fellow Travelers: Who Are They and What Do They Believe?

The growth of a Christo Fascist belief system known as “Christian Nationalism” has accelerated greatly since Bush Jr. courted and embraced the support of White Evangelicals in his run for President. Today Evangelical support has elevated Trump as literally being chosen by God to fulfill their mission of returning the nation to the rule to a specific sect of Christianity. One that sees Trump as a sign of Millennialist End Times prophecies including the Rapture and of course Christ’s return to annihilate all non-believers.

According to The Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI), Christians who identify as born-again or evangelical are each about five times as likely to be Christian Nationalist adherents as members of the same racial or ethnic groups who identify as Christian but not as Evangelical. According to WAPO on the recent primaries and recent PRRI polls and research, Trumps base includes:

- 36% over the age of 65
- 37% are under 50
- 52% identify as very Conservative
- 46% are women (who have previously supported Trump)
- White Evangelicals who flock to him (70% according to data from PRRI)
- 71% of White Evangelical Christian Nationalists embrace “Replacement Theory”
- Close to 70% agree that the man is the head of the household, with a wife who submits to his leadership

More Than Simple Opinions

The propensity of Evangelical Christian Nationalists to incorporate or append a host of Fascist ideologies into their dogma is well supported by research polling.

We know from history and research that : “Replacement Theory” is a belief held in **racial supremacy**, and it is supported by Christian Nationalists. According to PRRI 55% believe that immigrants are invading the U.S. and are “replacing our cultural and ethnic background.” They hold that women should be submissive to husbands. This is practice that further fuels and supports **misogyny**. These belief are all part of the Christian Nationalist religious world view.

That millions of Americans today see these belief as sanctioned a God and that he chose Donald Trump to realize his “plan” forecasts serious consequences for our Democratic Republic.

When People *Know* God Sanctions Their Beliefs, Bad Things Are Sure to Follow

If Biden wins:

A repeat of election denial with likely armed terrorism and insurrectionist assaults on Federal and State levels. January 6th insurrectionist activity will ratchet up on a nationwide scale, involving assaults on State Legislatures.

If Trump wins:

Instead of a focus on the real challenges we face in creating an egalitarian society that tackles issues like universal health care, free education, and never ending imperialistic warfare, much less saving

ourselves from climate change; will be consumed by holding off a Fascist State.

Trump will initiate the 2025 Plan of the Heritage Foundation inevitably leading to protests by Democrats and/or Democracy supporters in the streets. The ensuing violence (fomented by Trump agent provocateurs posing as and/or blaming Antifa) will provide the pretext for Trump's declaration of a National State of Emergency.

That's when our long national nightmare truly begins.

Sloan Bashinsky Sloan's Newsletter

I think you nailed it and now remains which apocalypse dystopia the 2024 presidential election delivers.

I think it was in 2016 that I first learned of the *Vanity Fair* interview of Ivana Trump, who was quoted saying, when she was married to Donald, he kept a book of Hitler's speeches in a cabinet on his side of their bed and sometimes he read it at night.

A fellow named Trevor Ravenscroft explained in his book, *The Spear of Destiny*, how a powerful demon infiltrated Adolph Hitler and enhanced him, and did the same to Hitler's inner circle, and infiltrated most of the German population. Deja vu in America today.

I am pretty sure a demon also is working on Biden, back up plan, but he has a ways to go to remind us of Hitler.

Ol' Flawriduh Cracker

Sloan, reference Hitler being infiltrated. Let's just assume that anti-Semitism throughout Europe including Germany, England, Russia and France was always there. Ironically, it is mindset that crosses class distinction. Thus a loser street person like Hitler, could share a united bigotry with Richard Wagner and Henry Ford Sr.

Trump discovered, as Hitler had previously, that many people found genuine excitement and satisfaction in a personality that would say the things in open forums that they were too fearful of saying unless it was in the confines of close friends. One reason there are so many Trump wannabes is that once they realize they will not be financially or physically punished and that literally millions feel as they do, then it's like a hit of cocaine.

Biden on the other hand is more concerned with a pretty much post WWII vision of America. America as a positive engine with a robust economy, with a well meshed safety net, and supportive of the plight of others throughout the world living under tyranny. America as the "Good Guy." It's a story we tell ourselves to avoid the sausage making details on how we make the world safe for large scale corporations, as we spread democracy to people who for the most part live in tribal societies whose "government" seldom goes beyond that of a village chief. I suppose you could describe this as many have as "Pax Americana."

Hitler for me is proof that charismatic leaders and their minions are cults that get quickly out of control, usually under the quest for a mythic past that never existed.

Love you Sloan, but sometimes your "spirituality" is kinda spooky.

Sloan Bashinsky

Heck, God is kinda spooky and Trump and his hordes seem to have forgotten that passage in the Old Testament about fear of the Lord being the beginning of wisdom. I think you summed up America pretty well.

Ol' Flawriduh Cracker

It is clearly disturbing how many people find a uniting of motives between a Fascist Trump and a Centrist Biden.

There is plenty to improve and fix even running a nation within say the vision of Republicans in the Eisenhower era, who saw FDR as a genuine threat to the dream of rampant Capitalism as a normal state of a free economy.

I just hope we can push the Fascist back far enough to regain footing for making a better society before we end up setting the table for Techno Feudalsim

Thanks for comments!

Sloan Bashinsky

Trump woke up and energized what was always there. This is obvious to me, who was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. The Klan, the South, the Christian crusaders, have risen again, and they love Trump, even though he is a spoiled New York trust fund brat, debt welcher, adulterer, pussy grabber, who brags about it, who dodged the draft and bowed to the Saudi prince who had a journalist chopped up into little pieces, and got bailed out financially 3 times by Saudi Arabia. What's happening in America is similar to what has happened in Palestine and the Middle East. What's happening in America is right wing religious fanatics vs. everyone else, and what's amazing is, Trump has never pretended to be religious, but he knows how to wind them up and pull their strings, and in that sense he is their Adolph Hitler.



Lisa J Miller

There is NO comparison between Biden and Trump. None. One cares about America and keeping our Democracy and the other does not. Freedom vs. Fascism. That's our very stark choice in November.

Sloan Bashinsky

Trump is a monster becoming more monstrous, and he has a huge following. Unlike 1930s Germany, where Hitler became messianic, well over half of Americans do not view Trump as their messiah. If Trump loses in November, it may well get very nasty, but Biden, if he is president and still lives, or Harris, probably will have the Generals and Admirals on their side, and perhaps the national guards. However, if Trump wins in November, and he tries to do what Putin did in Russia, will the Generals and Admirals stop him?

Ol' Flawriduh Cracker

In looking at some pretty reliable stats on gun ownership it appears that the ratio of gun ownership between Rep and Dem is 2 to 1 for Reps. I think collectively they are far more comfortable with violence.

I might add that Hitler's Nazi party did quite poorly for several elections and then had massive and sudden acceleration. So, in our situation the Independents (40%) provide that grist.

I can also assure you that the military (conservative by nature) is rife with Christian Nationalists and far right types. Whether they can be promoted in rank by a victorious Trump remains to be seen.

Sloan Bashinsky

You are correct that the military has many Trumpers, and we don't see that being discussed on CNN or even on FOX. As for

private gun ownership, I think the left is starting to catch up, but it still has a ways to go. Who has White House and can replace department heads and fire Generals and Admirals has a great deal of power. If you look at film footage and photos of MAGA rallies, Jan 6 mob, Charlottesville Confederate monuments removal protest, you see lots of white people. *Res ipsa loquitur*, the thing speaks for itself.

Lisa J Miller

That's a very good question. Many of the Evangelicals do believe he is the "chosen one" and is sent by God so we can't forget that. I was talking with my Dr. about all of this and he says the Generals would not go along with Trump but we can't forget the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers etc. Also the 12,000,000 supporters (they estimate) who would not hesitate to do violence on his behalf. Any way you look at it it's going to be a roller coaster ride. Buckle up.

Ol' Flawriduh Cracker

These 12 million are a vital tool for Trump. He can use them as his Brownshirts or as agent provocateurs or both to justify them as "good people" or to declare martial law... Either way, it does not bode well.

Sloan Bashinsky

I think it helps to view Trump and his various legions are a religion and he is their high priest, ayatollah, etc. They remind me a lot of radical Islam, and of what happened in Germany leading up to World War II. They are certain they are right, and God is with them all the way, and they cannot be persuaded otherwise, and if you get in their faces about it, there is no telling how they might respond. Death by stroke, which might or might not be viewed as Act of God or assassination by Trump's legions, might be the America's best hope.

If Trump gets back in the White House, they will be his brownshirts. How the different branches of the federal government might deal with that cannot be predicted, but I hope the military does not cave.

The Supreme Court is paving the way for Trump and his legions to take control of the federal government and public schools and even people's bedrooms.

You might wish to read my post about the Supreme Court ruling Amendment 14, Section 3 cannot be enforced by the states, but the Supreme Court could have enforced it, but all 9 justices declined, and 5 of the Republicans said only Congress can enforce 14/3. Here's a link. I'm a lawyer, who clerked for a US District Judge.

<https://redneckmysticlawyerforpresident.blogspot.com/2024/03/amendment-14-justice-for-all-except.html>

God makes queer people, too

Ok younguns, around dawn this Ides of March, I dreamed about one of you and it caused me to think, "To tell the truf, politics and religion in America reveal everything you never wanted to know about America."

My old Jewish friend in Key West, Sam Kaufman, who is a city commissioner and a practicing attorney, told me one day in his office that my talking about my dreams didn't bother him, because Jewish people think dreams come from God.

That one of you I dreamed about last night was born a cross-wired girl, who always felt she was a boy, and there was nothing she could do about it, because that was how God made her, and since God doesn't make mistakes, that was how God wanted her to be.

If my blaming God turns people off, then I just as easily can blame Mother Nature, but no way I ever can blame that babyfossil for what she had no control over, religious views to the contrary notwithstanding.

Eventually, with her parents' blessing, that cross-wired babyfossil had surgery that made her more male and she became much happier, and while that wasn't easy for someone as long in the tooth as I am to wrap his mind around, I knew very well what it's like to live in a body that doesn't seem to suit me, and if I there was surgery that would make my cranky bowel be less cranky, I would have that surgery done, and I don't see how God could be angry with me for that, any more than God is angry with our beloved she who became a he.

For you see, what is important to God is what's in our hearts, and how we live - actions speak louder, than what we say about ourselves or even what we think. That's what that Jewish guy Jesus in the Gospels was all about: doing the next right thing, live and let live, leave the judging to God, and God will not judge you

That's not a big seller in some religious and political circles, and I am a guilty as the next person of judging and finger-pointing when I think someone with influence has gone off the rails and become a menace. But I do not judge queer people, who cannot be who some straight people think they should be, because their Bible tells them so, because it ain't natural. because whatever.

I'll let you in on a secret, babyfossils. I think people who get wyrdd about queer people deep down inside are wyrd themselves, but they don't know it; or they know it, but pretend outwardly that it isn't so. They pretend, because they hate being wyrd, because their Bible, or something, tells them being wyrd is bad, so they make sure nobody thinks they are wyrd, by being really against wyrd people.

Bible people's favorite saint is St. Paul. I say that, because I heard Christians quote St. Paul far more than they quoted Jesus.

If you read St. Paul's letters, you see he thought more highly of men than he did of women, and he told his followers that he wished they were like him, celibate. And, although Jesus never did it, Paul condemned homosexuality as an abomination.

When Paul was Saul of Tarsus, and was getting Christians crucified by the Roman government if they did not renounce Jesus, he was a Jewish Pharisee, and as such, he had, as did every Jewish man, a solemn duty to God to marry and have children and increase the numbers of God's chosen people. Yet, there is nothing in Paul's letters about him having a wife and children, and I suppose every woman around Paul knew he was gay.

In 1996, I explained all of that to several gay men in Birmingham, some years younger than me, after the minister of Southside Baptist Church and my Sunday school teacher there had not convinced them to give our eclectic Sunday school class a try. After hearing what I said about Paul, they decided to attend our Sunday school class and they really liked it.

About 20 years later, there was a big flap in Key West, where the weird are said to go pro, about LBGTQ people, who made up around 20 percent

of the people in the city. I went to a city commission meeting, and at the very end, when citizens can speak for 3 minutes about anything to the mayor and commissioners and the public watching on the local TV station and live streaming, I recounted what I had told the young gay men in Birmingham about St. Paul.

Several years prior, a lesbian woman named Teri Johnston was elected to the Key West City Commission. I thought she was the best city commissioner the city ever had. She was unbeatable when her commission seat came up for election every 4 years, but she wore out, I thought, trying to get the city government to do better, and she retired.

In 2018, I ran for mayor the 6th time, and Teri ran for mayor, and she won, and she got reelected easily in 2020 and 2022, but she decided not to run in 2024, even though she could have won. I think she got tired again of trying to get the city government to do better.

Also while I lived in Key West, the city's county commission seat was held by a lesbian woman named Heather Carruthers from 2008 through 2016, as I recall.

At a Key West Business Guild candidate forum in Key West, in 2010, when I was running for the county commission, the candidates were asked to state their position on LGBTQ people needing to feel safe in the Florida keys. The Business Guild had been started by LGBTQ people.

When my time to speak came, I said that topic is very personal to me, because my brother Major was bisexual in the closet in Birmingham, and someone found out and was leaning on him in some way, threatening to out him publicly, and there was nothing he could do to stop it, and he killed himself and tried to make it look like murder.

Major lived in San Francisco, then in Key West, then in St. Petersburg, before moving back to Birmingham and meeting a woman I knew and they got married and had two children, and he tried living a double life. We became estranged after he realized he could not persuade me that he was not bisexual, which my first wife, your grandmother, and my second wife,

had known since the 1970s, and it never mattered to us. We merely hoped he would find happiness.

I tell you these things, babyfossils, because a lot of religious people in America are very prejudiced against LGBTQ people, and there is nothing that can be done to change their minds, and it might be dangerous to try to change their minds, so deep is their prejudice and so convinced are they that God is on their side. Unless you live in a place like Key West, it's safer and maybe smarter, I think, to leave them alone and stay out of their way, than get in their faces about LGBTQ people.

Our beloved she who became a he lives in a part of America where queer people are better received than other parts of the country, and I hope he will simply do what he enjoys doing and keeps his head down and lets time and God work on the people who have a big charge about queer people. It takes a very long time for rivers to round and smooth stones in the river bed, and St. Paul made that process a lot slower for people who don't like LGBTQ people.

Imagine what it did to the psyche of Christendom for its favorite saint to be a celibate in the closet gay man.

Imagine what it did to the psyche of Christendom for its Trinity to be all male. How do such a God reproduce?

In Judaism, the Spirit of God is called Shekinah, female gender.

I told the Key West City Commission that, too.

Grandfossil

more journalists need to cover how the people of Gaza feel about Hamas, Israel, President Biden and America

I keep seeing news reports of Donald Trump saying, if he was president, the war in Gaza would not have happened, and I keep wondering if he is (a) lying, (b) insane, (c) both?

I keep seeing news reports of President Biden (a) leaning on Israel to stop slaughtering and displacing the people of Gaza, (b) sending food and relief aid to the people of Gaza, and (c) sending bombs and cannon shells and money to Israel.

I keep wondering how the beleaguered people in Gaza feel about (a) Israel, (b) America, (c) Hamas?

In my Apple newsfeed this Sunday morning, a Christian Science Monitor article addressed (a), (b) and (c).

I wondered how long the Gaza people who spoke out against Hamas might expect to live?

I wondered how long the people still living in Gaza might expect to live?

I wondered how the people running Hamas and Israel live with themselves, and how President Biden and Americans who support Israel's war in Gaza live with themselves?

‘Hamas gambled with our lives’: Gazans are now daring to speak out

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AMMAN, JORDAN; RAMALLAH, WEST BANK; AND GAZA

Across the Gaza Strip – from markets to evacuee camps to social media channels – Palestinian frustration and anger with Hamas is on the rise. Complaints began with Hamas’ apparent disregard for Gaza civilians who faced the brunt of Israel’s punishing military response to the Oct. 7 attack while Hamas fighters remained in tunnels. Now, with starvation, profiteering, and internal chaos on the rise, the militant group that has ruled the strip for 17 years is nowhere to be found.

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For the first time since the war began in Gaza, resentment against Hamas is boiling to the surface in public expressions of anger and in social media, as residents increasingly are losing their reluctance to speak out.

“We did not choose to be in a war that takes us from our homes, [takes] the lives of loved ones, and puts our lives in a death game that we knew nothing about,” says Bisan Nateel, a youth organizer for a local Gaza nongovernmental organization.

“Hamas didn’t warn us or give any instructions to protect or help people. I don’t know what they were thinking or what they expected people to do, but this is unacceptable for everyone in Gaza,” says Walid, an aid worker in central Gaza who declined to use his full name. “I feel that Hamas gambled with our lives at stake, and lost.”

Rafaat Naim, a Gaza businessman and former member of the Palestine Chamber of Commerce, says prior to the war, support for Hamas among Gaza residents was already limited. “Hamas’ popularity in the Gaza Strip was waning, due to its governance failures [and] misallocation of funds,” he says. “The devastating impact of the conflict further entrenched this sentiment.”

The anger that has been simmering since the early days of the war, meanwhile, has only in recent weeks come to the surface. These are not

organized calls or political protests against Hamas, but conversational complaints growing louder by the day. Tiny protests have been scattered.

“People now are very angry with Hamas, but at the same time they are afraid to express the anger inside them by protesting or holding sit-ins,” notes Wael Mohammad, a civil engineer and longtime Hamas critic in Gaza. He says 16 years of the Islamic Hamas’ intimidation tactics, as well as its use of religious faith to push its ideology, made “the population in Gaza docile.”

Now with the lack of Hamas police officers on the streets, and a reduced threat of being dragged off by its security services, people in Gaza, facing starvation, are more emboldened to criticize the movement in public. Some even curse it.

This outspokenness, however, does not mean Gazans’ support, in principle, for armed resistance against the Israeli occupation has lessened. Nor has their view changed that the conflict is an Israeli war against the Palestinian people.

There remains a belief among most residents that, with a 17-year siege of Gaza, they have been punished for two decades by Israel, the international community, and the Palestinian Authority for Hamas’ presence, and that the movement has never had the chance to act as a normal government.

Yet growing disillusion with Hamas’ rule is impacting the group’s future prospects each day the war goes on, as residents see it as unresponsive, irresponsible, and lacking basic care for Gaza’s people.

Evading responsibility

All those interviewed stressed that Hamas left the Gaza public “in the dark” about its plans even after Israel’s counterattack began. Added to the lack of communication was a seeming lack of concern for civilians as Hamas forces retreated to their tunnels.

“Hamas followed the same old war plan and left the people to the mercy of Israelis,” says Walid, the aid worker.

“We gave in to Hamas for a long time, and we thought Hamas as a party would be prepared for the war after Oct. 7 as they claimed. But they were

only ready to protect themselves,” says Rana Alsayed, a mother and feminist activist from Gaza City who was displaced four times by Israel’s offensives.

“This war is beyond Hamas’ capabilities,” says Ahmed, a Gaza photojournalist who blames intense targeting by Israel’s military for the movement’s inability to govern or protect its citizens. “It cannot help itself, let alone the people.”

For some Palestinians in Gaza, the war has cemented the idea of Hamas as a militant faction looking out only for itself rather than for the people it has governed since first being elected by a plurality in 2006. It has ruled unopposed since 2007, when it drove out its rival Fatah and seized the strip.

“They see their role is to fight Israelis and not to care for the people. But since Hamas took control of the Gaza Strip, they implicitly agreed to care for its people,” says Walid, who, like many, sees Hamas as “evading that responsibility.”

“At least provide enough food for the people to not die of hunger. Build shelters and safe places for the people to go to. Establish a form of civic protection and law enforcement to keep people in check,” the aid worker says.

“The Oct. 7 operation was nothing but a continuation of the series of political and military gambles that the movement has made since its inception, an operation that brought nothing but destruction, killing, displacement, and deportation of the residents of the Gaza Strip,” says Mr. Mohammad, the civil engineer.

He likens the movement to “a group of mercenaries and militias that do not rise to the level of a Palestinian movement” and don’t “care about Palestinian blood.”

He, and others, point to statements by Hamas’ leadership abroad at the onset of the war that it was the responsibility of the United Nations and the international community, not Hamas, to protect Gaza civilians.

Anger over aid, profiteering

With a breakdown of law and order, organized crime is increasing and aid is looted and sold on the secondary market before many can get it. And there is a growing belief that not only does Hamas bear responsibility for the looting and profiteering through its absence, but it also may be complicit or participating in it.

“We have to buy food that was sent to Gaza as aid. We hear lots of rumors that this aid was stolen under the eyes of Hamas, sometimes in complicity with people from the government,” says Walid.

As hunger grips Gaza, law and order crumbles

Mohammed, an accountant and former government employee now in Rafah, says the links between Hamas and aid theft across Gaza are “clear.”

“We cannot provide definitive proof, but who has the guns? Who has the monopoly on force in Gaza? It’s Hamas. The work of organized criminal groups wouldn’t happen without their consent,” Mohammed says via WhatsApp messaging. “They are profiting politically and economically from our death and misery.”

Dissent is also growing in the local business community. Members say they have long chafed under Hamas’ restrictions, appropriation of incoming materials, corruption, and wars.

They have lost businesses, farms, and homes in this war – but also have found no entity to facilitate a return of trade or even the distribution of basic aid to stave off a famine.

Despite the rising anger, fear persists amid occasional reports of mosque imams or civil society organizers being dragged off and “disappeared” by Hamas for voicing public criticism. Protesters gathering in northern Gaza were shot at by armed men.

“At the grassroots level, Hamas persists in its oppression even amid these dire circumstances,” notes Mr. Naim, the businessman.

Alternatives emerging?

In the void left behind by Hamas, some Gazans are attempting to organize at the grassroots to provide services and a sense of order.

In Rafah, so-called Protection Committees – groups of local young men, dressed in matching black clothes and masks, armed with batons – are providing basic security to markets and public areas.

Mr. Naim is one of several local Gaza business owners and community leaders who are attempting to form a council to facilitate the entry and distribution of aid and goods.

They have set their sights on advocating for the border to open to resume a robust flow of aid and commerce into the besieged strip.

“The people demand resolute, clear, and strategic decisions to pave the way for stability,” says Mr. Naim.

Yet attempts by the people to organize and circumvent Hamas face steep obstacles – and danger.

This week, unverified reports emerged that Hamas executed a *mukhtar*, or local community leader, in northern Gaza, allegedly for coordinating with the Israeli military for a separate initiative to facilitate aid.

The incident appeared to confirm what Palestinians in Gaza already knew or believed: Any Israeli involvement would delegitimize and kill any alternative group providing services in Gaza.

“The occupation’s civil administration has engaged with some community leaders and members of the private sector,” notes Mr. Naim. “This initiative is both unacceptable and risky for all involved on the Palestinian side.”

While the majority of Palestinians in Gaza interviewed say they no longer want Hamas’ rule, a significant portion still support its existence as an armed movement. A lack of alternatives leaves Gazans unsure of their future.

“I still support Hamas as a liberation movement, but I am not satisfied with its uncalculated actions,” notes Ahmed, the photojournalist.

With the losses piling up for families in Gaza facing missile strikes, famine, and profiteering, more Gazans say the idea of trusting Hamas as rulers governing the strip again is unthinkable.

“I lost my mother, my husband lost half his family, and we lost our house. My children have known nothing but wars and escalations,” says Ms. Alsayed, the Gaza feminist.

“How can my children ever believe in Hamas, who are neither providing us with a bite to eat nor allowing anyone else to do so?”

The Donald J. Trump Pearl Harbor lookout justice system

I swan if this once upon a time law clerk for a United States District Judge who presided over every federal criminal prosecution in north Alabama doesn't wonder if the Donald J. Trump Justice System should not be renamed "Many Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest".

Before Trump ran for president in 2016, he had a long history of using lawyers to intimidate his adversaries and to allow him to welch debts via litigation and filing bankruptcy.

Trump and his father were civilly prosecuted and convicted in New York for racial and ethnic rental discrimination in their apartment buildings.

Trump University was forced to make restitution to students who did not get what they were promised.

Trump paid two escorts, one named Stormy Daniels, to be quiet about having sex with him- Daniels, shortly after Trump's wife Melania had their son. Trump used his lawyers to cast the payoffs as business expenses After losing the 2020 election, Trump was indicted and is being prosecuted in the New York state court for criminal fraud.

I can grab women by the pussy Trump was sued by E. Jean Carroll for rape and sexual assault and defamation in a New York state civil court. Carroll lost the rape charge and won the sexual abuse and defamation charge and was awarded \$5,000,000 by a jury. Trump said Carroll was a

liar, and Daniels sued I can grab women by the pussy again for defamation and was awarded \$83,300,000 by a jury.

Trump's companies were sued by the State of New York in a New York state court for inflating their business assets to obtain large low interest loans to invest in lucrative deals which made Trump's companies a great deal of money. The trial judge fined Trump's companies \$354.9 million for his illegal profits, plus interest of around \$100 million and climbing. The judge and his law clerk received many death threats.

There were many news reports of Trump not paying his lawyers, one of whom, Michael Cohen, was criminally prosecuted and convicted in federal court and put in prison for aiding and abetting Trump in the Stormy Daniels case. Cohen flipped and started testifying against Trump.

Trump was criminally prosecuted in federal court by Special Prosecutor Jack Smith for mishandling, refusing to turn over, and obstructing the recovery of classified documents that came into his possession while he was president. Smith received death threats.

Trump was indicted under Georgia's RICO Act by Special Prosecutor Fani Willis for his trying to subvert the 2020 Georgia presidential election vote count. Willis and her team received death threats.

Willis indicted Trump's lawyer, former New York Mayor Rudy **Giuliani**, who had pioneered New York state court RICO prosecutions, for aiding and abetting Trump trying to subvert the 2020 Georgia presidential election vote. Giuliani said Trump did not pay him.

Trump claimed it all was made up, witch hunts, despite the one common denominator, himself.

The Colorado Supreme Court ruled Trump had engaged in insurrection against the United States Constitution and thus was barred by Amendment 14, Section 3, from being on the Colorado ballot.

Section 3.

No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any state, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any state legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any state, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

The Colorado Supreme Court received death threats, as did the Secretary of State of Maine after ruling Amendment 14, Section 3 barred Trump from being on the Maine ballot.

A unanimous U.S. Supreme Court ruled Colorado, in particular, and states in general, cannot enforce Amendment 14, Section 3, and 4 of the 5 Republican justices ruled only Congress can enforce 14/3 by legislation.

Amendment XIV in its entirety:

Section 1.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

Section 2.

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a state, or the members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the **male** inhabitants of such state, **being twenty-one years of age**, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such state.

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executive or judicial officer of any state, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

Section 4.

The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any state shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

Section 5.

The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Section 5 applies to *ALL* of Amendment 14.

In all of that context, consider this from an old geezer living in Trump's state of residence and another reader and the old geezer and my old geezer discussion.

My Two Senses

"IF YOU GO AFTER ME, I'M COMING AFTER YOU!"

Trump's World of Mobster Law Is His "Secret Sauce"

OL' FLAWRIDUH CRACKER

MAR 17, 2024

Perhaps the greatest feelings of *schadenfreude* that Trump and his minions experience comes from the successful perpetration of crimes.

We can all see this happening; Trump's successes all center on using his massive wealth (and political contributions) to field an army of lawyers. They in turn enable him to engage in intimidation and retaliation against civil, criminal, state or Federal prosecution.

Attack, Intimidate and Reward

Each time Trump escapes justice his bond of "mass-psychosis*" becomes stronger with the minions of his base. To a large degree this bond is fueled by mutual feelings of *schadenfreude* as Trump repeatedly proves he can legally "shoot someone in Times Square." In terms of what he has actually gotten away with, Trump's metaphorical shooting should be more accurately stated as a mass shooting in Times Square like the one in Las Vegas.

Not only does Trump swat away legal actions, he launches new exploits to pursue his expansion of gangster capitalism, fascism, theocracy and ultimately the return of neo-Feudalism in a stateless cloud metaverse.

We mere internet peasants can barely keep up with the barrage of gangster moves by Trump. WAPO just released a story on March 16, 2024 , ***Trump granted clemency to Medicare fraudsters before vowing to cut entitlement program abuse*** before vowing to cut entitlement program abuse By Amy B Wang and Azi Paybarah. We are not talking about fixing traffic tickets. These criminals “collectively filed nearly \$1.6 billion in fraudulent claims through Medicare or Medicaid.” (WAPO, 2024)

Running Out the Clock: Delay, Delay and Delay.

The erudite, and prolific pundit David Feldman has consistently pointed out that Trump must run for and hold office as President by delaying trials, This will ensure he can get to the election and ideally win. Then supported by a Supreme Court that seems to feel Trump can kill anyone, they will also find a way to determine he can pardon himself, thus ending all the prosecutions (save Georgia) and escape imprisonment.

Feldman is correct, and as a bonus it also sets up Trump as dictator forever. It also allows him to fulfill his vengeance agenda. In short he becomes another Putin.

That we “snowflakes” stand by impotently watching Trump foiling charges and trial proceedings with seeming ease must be a delight to the base.

**Yes, this is a thing. Courageous psychiatrists like Bandi X. Lee’s work sheds light on the intersection of politics, psychology, and societal control, highlighting the profound impact of authoritarianism on individual and collective mental health.*

Coming soon: The Fani Willis and the Wade knee capping

Patris

He’s nuts. Apologies to nuts.

Ol’ Flawriduh Cracker

You are concise and hilarious

Sloan Bashinsky

I think Trump is criminally insane, and infectious, like Ebola, for certain types of people. Maybe something will step in and disable Trump in a way that cannot be blamed on the Democrats. Anyone who doesn’t think Trump means a blood bath literally, if he loses in November, is still in diapers.

If I was still practicing law and Trump tried to hire me, I would tell him, no thanks, God is watching and I don't want that karma. If another lawyer asked me what to do after being asked by Trump to be his lawyer, I would tell that lawyer the same thing, but if he, or she, isn't worried about God or karma, then get paid a large retainer, up front, say \$5 million, before doing anything, and for Trump to expect to pay another \$5 million, if it drags out, and if Trump reneges, the lawyer can quit, and that is in writing, signed by Trump before a Notary Public, which makes it self-proving in a court of law, where, if the lawyer doesn't get paid by Trump, the judge will let the lawyer resign from the case:-).

What I don't see any legal pundits and journalists saying is state and federal criminal prosecutors might have a really tough time striking a jury that does not have a Trump ringer on it, who will hang the jury and the prosecutor then has to decide whether to retry Trump, or leave him be.

Even if Trump is criminally convicted, how that might play out in federal appellate courts and the US Supreme Court might be iffy. For all we know, the US Supreme Court will side with Trump because they don't want to be hunted down and killed by MAGAs.

All along I felt the best chance to put Trump in prison was the Georgia RICO prosecution, but the special prosecutor Fani Willis screwed that up royally by dating her lead hired prosecutor and taking nice trips with him. Willis should have resigned as soon as she knew she had been found out, but her ego seems about the

same size as Trump's. The state court judge, who let Willis remain on the case, made it worse.

I hope the national news media will tout these two videos religiously:

Oh my God, Trump just shit his pants

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CFf2cCWF1lh/?hl=en>

Mister Trump and his diaper problems

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnK164efOB0>

Ol' Flawriduh Cracker

Once again we are in mutual agreement.

Trump is the Uber Meister of gangsta threat and intimidation.

If his minions go nuts and start assassinating those he has "suggested" might get hurt, then he goes into plausible deniability mode. He loves this technique as we have seen from "standby Proud Boys" to "Fight Like Hell" on 1/6.

I'll be doing a hopefully short post on the Willis-Wade debacle that you might appreciate soon.

I agree that the odds of any of these cases landing Trump in jail is at best tenuous for the reasons you cite. I don't know that the SCOTUS is fearful of a Trump hitman as much as they just want to find a way to thank him and join in the new "thousand year rule" of Fascist America. There are lots of great exotic places vacations and loot to be had by enabling, not defeating a Trump agenda.

Sloan Bashinsky

I agree, the SCOTUS Christians are truly grateful Trump turned the Supreme Court over to them. Their ruling that only Congress can enforce Amendment 14 was pulled straight out of their hind ends, when you consider many 14th Amendment cases SCOTUS decided without any enabling legislation from Congress, such as, hmmm, *Brown v. Board of Education* :-), which ended racial segregation in public schools.

After ruling Amendment 14, Section 3 barred Trump from being on the Colorado ballot, the Colorado Supreme Court was inundated with death threats. Same happened after the Maine Secretary of State ruled 14/3 barred Trump being on the Maine ballot. The 3 SCOTUS Democrats ruled states cannot enforce 14/3, even though SCOTUS has repeatedly held Amendment 14 applies to the states. So, what's the common denominator? Death threats.

Fani Willis turned out to be a huge, sad joke. She had one thing to do. Put Trump in prison. She had a great case. She had great support staff. All by herself, she turned the case into a ridiculous circus, in which she starred. She gave Trump lots of things to argue on appeal, if he is convicted. She gave the jury lots of reasons to try her, instead of Trump. The Georgia Attorney General should have removed Willis from the case. She put herself on trial, and she should be on trial, because she darn well knew she was not supposed to be fucking her lead prosecutor and taking trips with him. She's nuts. Trump's nuts. Birds of a feather. Just different backgrounds getting to the nut house.

Yesterday, a black pastor friend agreed with me that God gave that case to Fani Willis and she threw God and the criminal justice system under a bus.

In my Apple newsfeed this morning, March 21, 2024, was an article reporting the judge in the Georgia RICO prosecution gave Trump permission to file an immediate appeal of his ruling to allow Willis to remain in the case. The appeal will take several months, or more, and will delay the trial, if there is a trial, until after the November presidential election.

There is a criminal justice system that applies to all people in America, and there is a criminal justice system that applies only to Donald Trump.

religious worship in public schools



Ok, younguns, something about religious freedom in public schools showed up in my email today from Al.com, which used to be *The Birmingham News*. I typed my thoughts in bold:

Freedom From Religion group complains about Oak Grove's 'God, Team, Me' football motto

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By Greg Garrison | ggarrison@al.com

The Freedom From Religion Foundation has sent a letter of complaint to Oak Grove High School in west Jefferson County, alleging religious coercion on the football team.

The religious motto, "God, Team, Me," has been posted in the team's locker room and official team shirts, according to the group's complaint.

The playoff hoodies in 2023 included a Bible verse, Proverbs 27:17, the group complained.

The article left out the text:

**"As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another."**

The Freedom From Religion group, based in Madison, Wisconsin, sent a letter urging the coach to immediately stop engaging in religious activity or otherwise promoting his personal religious beliefs in his role as a football coach, and for the district to remove the godly motto and make certain that official district apparel no longer includes religious messages or bible verses

"Jefferson County Schools must ensure that this school-sponsored religious coercion ends immediately," Freedom From Religion Foundation staff attorney Chris Line wrote to Superintendent Walter B. Gonsoulin Jr.

"God team me" and "Iron sharpens iron, as one person sharpens another" look to me like religious boasting, similar to "One nation, under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. Under God was added to the pledge when I was in elementary school, to promote America a godly country versus communist Soviet Union and Red China.

Coach Chris Musso referred requests for comment to Gonsoulin.

"We have received the letter from the Freedom from Religion Foundation, and we are reviewing it," said a statement from Superintendent Gonsoulin. "However, the Jefferson County Board of Education is on record as fully supporting the right of its students and all members of the education community to pray and engage in voluntary religious expression in school settings."

Students have the First Amendment right to be free from religious indoctrination in their public schools, the Freedom From Religion group argues.

“The district must see to it that players are not being required to pray to play or otherwise expected to wear clothing with religious slogans or walk past religious signage,” Annie Laurie Gaylor, co-president of Freedom From Religion, said. “Religious coercion in sports programs unfortunately is all-too-frequent — and these violations against freedom of conscience need to be curbed.”

Amendment I, United States Constitution

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment 14, Section 1

No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

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The group earlier this year credited itself for having a biblical verse painted on the side of a dugout removed by the Mobile County School System.

In 2023, the group criticized Auburn University for an event which featured head football coach Hugh Freeze and other prominent Auburn figures baptizing students.

This former Birmingham, Alabama practicing attorney, who grew up in a church-going family, then moved on to not knowing when he ever is not in church, doesn't see how an outfit in Wisconsin has any standing to challenge anything that happens anywhere in Alabama, which does not directly affect Wisconsin, unless that outfit has been hired by the parents of a child in an Alabama school, who object to their child been subjected to religious proselytizing in the school.

Even if The Freedom From Religion Group was headquartered in Alabama, I don't see any way the State of Alabama, though its public schools, could forbid voluntary religious expression by students- if that's as far as this goes.

However, if public school boards, superintendents, principals, teachers and/or coaches encourage or proselytize a religion on public school property, they become priests and create a church on school property, which is not part of their job description and crosses a line Amendment 1 does not allow.

While the Oak Grove school officials and its football coach and team bask in Amendment 1, they might wish to give serious consideration to what the most famous Jew in world history said about public worship:

Matthew 6:1–34

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. 2 Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites

do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 5 And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread,
12 and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

When I attended Crestline Heights Elementary School in Mountain Brook, Alabama, during weekly convocations led by school officials, the

students, including the Jewish students, were required to recite the Lord's Prayer out loud. Sometime we all sang it.

I read once upon a time that the chief author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, and one of its signers, James Madison, the chief author of the Bill of Rights and thus of the First Amendment, led the charge to stop another signer of the Declaration, Patrick Henry, the Governor of Virginia, from getting the Virginia legislature to make Christianity the Virginia state religion.

I read another time that Thomas Jefferson so admired Jesus in the Gospels that he cut many pages out of the New Testament about what Jesus said and did and pasted them into a book that became known as *The Jefferson Bible*.

The Declaration of Independence contains four references to Deity, from which it draws its authority, and none of those references resemble Christian lingo.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence.

Religions mean well, but they tend to get twisted and tangled and even lost, as history has proven time and time again.

The Gospels say Jesus did not baptize in water, but in fire and spirit he lived and baptized others.

I imagine if Jesus in the Gospels were to show up in Alabama today and talk and behave as he did in the Gospels, he would be crucified by Alabama Christians.

I closing, younguns, I leave you with something that fell out of me in the spring of 1994 as fast as I could write it down:

“Sacred Prism”

Earth,

The sacred prism

through which souls are refracted

into their elemental parts,

Purified in Holy Fire,

Then one-forged

and sent on their way

to not even God knows where,

Simply because they are all

Unique Emanations of God,

Evolving . . .

The Orange Turd's secret Truth Social agenda: put the US Government in a federal bankstuptcy court run by a Republican judge



Ok, younguns, today I introduce the only person I grew up with in Mountain Brook, alias The Tiny Kingdom, who still puts up and cuts up with me. He knew your mommas when they were tots.

He worked his entire grown up life in a New York Stock Exchange company, and he calls Donald Trump, The Orange Turd (OT).

Once upon a time I dreamed of him being a general and I was a corporal, and I woke up figuring something I was involved in needed to be gone about the way he would do it, instead of the way I would do it.

Yesterday, he texted me his very most recent OT sentiments, which perhaps were prompted by some really brave, or really stupid people, depending on how it turns out, agreeing to take OT's money-loser Truth Social public, and OT will retain 60 percent of the stock and get a \$3billion windfall.

Excerpt from America's premier business publication.

Forbes Magazine

Trump's Truth Social Parent Will Go Public—Here's What Happened To His Last Publicly Traded Company

Antonio Pequeño IV/Forbes Staff

I cover breaking news.

Mar 22, 2024, 04:42pm EDT

Former President Donald Trump's social media company will go public after shareholders in Digital World Acquisition Corp approved a merger Friday, marking Trump's return to the stock market nearly 30 years after Trump's resort company went public—and experienced years of bankruptcies before it was eventually delisted from the Nasdaq.

KEY FACTS

Trump Media & Technology Group's merger with Digital World, a special-purpose acquisition company that already trades on the Nasdaq, will allow the Truth Social parent company to go public with Trump as the majority owner, potentially netting the former president a \$3 billion windfall based on current share prices.

The General's and my text banter, followed by the rest of the Forbes article, which I don't imagine OT put in his treasure chest, followed by the punch line.

The General

Next time you are in research mode, please see if the OT was correct in flag protocol at that rally in Ohio last weekend. A group of Jan 6 rioters were in attendance and sang out National Anthem. Ot, dressed in his usual blue suit and MAGA ball cap, stood and saluted. From my days in the Boy Scouts and 6 years in the US Military it was my understanding you saluted if in uniform but otherwise removed any head gear and held it over your heart. Now, we know why the very vain OT didn't want to take off MAGA ball cap and muss his frozen

with paste hairdo, but was he in compliance? I wouldn't expect him to know anything about the rules of flag protocol, naturally. Just a little something to do this weekend.

The Corporal

Roger, Gen, I'll dig deeper, but it may be a simpleminded as he believes, or pretends, he is American's lawful president. 😎

The General

Only in the role of OT in Chief!! He only qualifies for half that title, the first half.

The Corporal

He definitely is the Supreme OT. And, I wonder, the more the courts side against him, the more votes he will get.

The General

He and his fans don't seem to understand that it was the everyday folks sitting on those grand juries that voted on those indictments: they weren't dictated by some AG, DA or DOJ Special Prosecutor.

The Corporal

Nothing you or I think matters to Trump and his mobs.

I felt the best chance was the Georgia prosecutor, before she started fucking her lead assistant prosecutor and put them both on trial, when it was OT who was supposed to be on trial.

I suppose it's wait and see from here on out. The New York courts sure don't like him. Perhaps because he's from New York and they know him well.

Looks like the election this year will be over before all but maybe the NY hush money (Stormy Daniels) criminal prosecution is tried, then the appeals if he's convicted. The Republican-controlled Supreme Court will have final say in federal prosecutions.

Grand juries usually go along with prosecutors. Trial juries have to be unanimous for convicting in criminal cases.

I'm wondering how the \$450 million appeal bond in the New York state court civil fraud case will go tomorrow after Trump announced he has have \$5 billion in cash he wants to spend campaigning after he never spent his own money before on campaigns.

The General

And it looks like the run up in the SAC company that is bringing in Truth Social is tanking. Sure hate to see that. 🙄🙄🙄

The Corporal

No comprehend a company losing so much money going public.

The General

Google Truth Social public offering approved late last week.
Truth Social merger. 6\$B windfall for Trump.

The Corporal

I've been reading about that.

See no way the folks paying \$6 billion get it back.

The Trump train jumped the tracks and maybe all left is to watch new episodes of The Devil's Apprentice in my newsfeed supplemented by you 😎

Forbes Magazine article continued

Trump Entertainment Resorts owned several Trump properties including the Atlantic City-based Trump Plaza, Trump Marina and Trump Taj Mahal, as well as the Trump Casino in Gary, Indiana, all of which are closed or have been sold to other companies.

A week after going public, Trump Entertainment Resorts used some of the nearly \$300 million it raised to resolve many of Trump's personal debts, according to the Times—after Trump faced mounting debt issues and a turbulent Atlantic City casino market in the preceding five years.

The new company recorded losses ranging between \$40 million and \$66 million in each of the three years following its IPO, the Times reported, marking a trend that would continue and lead to the company's 2009 delisting from the Nasdaq amid one of a series of bankruptcies in 2004, 2009 and 2014, according to the Washington Post.

Trump, who owned 40% of the company's shares at the time of its debut, received more than \$44 million in compensation during his time at the company, the Post reported.

Billionaire investor Carl Icahn agreed to buy most of Trump Entertainment Resorts' bank debt in 2009, took control of the company in 2014 and later helped it become a wholly owned subsidiary of Icahn Enterprises.

FORBES VALUATION

We estimate Trump's net worth at \$2.6 billion, a figure that resulted in the former president being removed in 2023 from the Forbes 400, which lists the U.S.'s 400 wealthiest billionaires. Only \$413 million of Trump's net worth is made up of cash and liquid assets. Trump's stake in his social media company is worth an estimated \$96 million.

TANGENT

Trump's current financial troubles now stem from his legal problems, as the businessman has been tasked with paying a \$454 million bond by next week in the civil fraud case against him. He also owes writer E. Jean Carroll \$88.3 million after he was found civilly liable for sexual abuse and defamation in two separate suits. Trump's attorneys have told a state appeals court that securing a bond for the full amount is a "practical impossibility" and asked the court to pause the judgment while the case is appealed. However, in a Truth Social post conflicting with his attorneys', the former president said Friday he personally has

\$500 million in cash, adding he plans to use “a substantial amount” of the funds for his presidential campaign.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Trump’s \$3 billion windfall after his media company goes public—based on DWAC’s share price—is unlikely to help him with the deadline to pay the \$454 million bond, according to experts, who have noted his inability to liquidate his stake immediately and the possibility that lenders could see it as overvalued. Trump will be prohibited from selling shares in the media company for at least six months, though it’s possible the company board could waive the restrictions if he requests it. If Trump doesn’t pay the bond for his civil fraud judgment or secure a stay on the payment, he may have assets including his Seven Springs estate and the Trump National Golf Club Westchester seized.

KEY BACKGROUND

Years prior to Trump Entertainment Resorts’ IPO, the debt on the former president’s holdings totaled \$3.4 billion, according to the Times, which reported Trump’s lenders put him on a \$450,000-a-month budget for personal and household expenses. As Trump Entertainment Resorts declined following its IPO, the company continued benefiting Trump’s personal finances. He got a \$5 million bonus in 1996, the same year the company stock tanked 70%, the Wall Street Journal reported. Trump’s company faced about \$1.8 billion in debt ahead of its 2004 bankruptcy, according to the Washington Post.

All of his adult life, OT used lawyers and the federal bankruptcy court to welch his debts, and when he needed more help, the Saudis bailed him out three times, and he’s still taking their money.

In the face of that, It don’t even make zero sense to me that even one Republican wants OT telling the US Government how to manage its finances- unless it’s to put the US government in a federal bankruptcy court, being run by a Republican judge, which should have been done

when the U.S. Government's expenses exceeded its revenues a long, long time ago.

Easter Sunday in the nation that boasts it is under God and puts In God We Trust on its money



Ok, younguns-

This is Easter Sunday, the day the Gospels say Jesus rose from the dead, and Christians say saved them from their sins even though he died 2,000 years before they were born.

In America, Donald Trump is promoting his own special red, white and blue version of the King James Bible to make himself more money, even though he behaves like a heathen, does not attend church, and seldom, if ever, reads the Bible, and Jesus was crucified in the Gospels for chasing Jewish money changers out of a temple.

In America, Donald Trump claims God sent him to save America from the liberals and the liberals are persecuting him the way Jesus was

persecuted in the Gospels, yet every criminal and civil lawsuit against Trump was initiated because of something he did.

In the King James Bible:

Matthew 5:25

Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

In America, MAGAs worship Trump as their savior, even though in The King James Bible:

John 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Matthew 6:9-13

After this manner therefore pray ye:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

In America, most Republicans attend church and back the most prominent heathen in America.

In America, the religious right, especially, flout their religion in public, even though in the King James Bible:

Matthew 6, KJV 1-8

Take heed that ye do not make your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before

thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Since before I was born in 1942, "In God we trust" was on all of America's money, and since I was born, it has looked to me that most Americans trust money far more than they trust God.

In the King James Bible:

Matthew 6:24

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

When I was a boy, the U.S. Congress put "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance to boast America was better than godless communist Soviet Union and Red China.

America has taunted and tempted God to show America what it actually is, which is crystal clear to the rest of the world, but not to most Americans.

This was posted in Reddit's r/politics forum last night. I leave for you to open the link and read the article and comments that ignore what is hidden in plain view.

MAGA's Ugly, Hateful Response to Bridge Horror Is About to Get Worse

<https://newrepublic.com/article/180286/magas-ugly-hateful-response-bridge-horror-get-worse>

I'm not a MAGA, Republican or Democrat. I am an American.

According to news reports I read online and saw on TV, the loaded to the gills 300 meters long Dali was escorted from the dock by 2 tugboats, which returned to the dock, as is the custom today.

As the Dali approached the bridge, it lost power. It's massive weight and 8 knots (9 mph) speed insured the outcome.



I think it's darn weird that the Dali lost power when it did.

That bridge is named after Francis Scott Key, the author of "The Star Spangled Banner", who wrote it about a battle between America and England in that harbor during the War of 1812.

If I was a domestic or foreign terrorist trying to make a statement, the Francis Scott Key Bridge was an excellent target.

Given how many false flag operations the American government has run to get into wars, and how many times I have seen American presidents lie, and how many times have doubted President Biden tells Americans the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help him God, I cannot ass-u-me the Dali was not sabotaged by President Biden's government for political reasons.

Given how many times I have seen lies come out of Donald and MAGAs and prominent Republicans in Congress and in the private sector, and out of FOX news talking heads, I cannot ass-u-me the Dali was not sabotaged by the American right for political reasons.

Nor can I ass-u-me the Dali was not sabotaged by an Islamic faction, Russia, Red China, North Korea.

Nor can I ass-u-me and angel of the Lord did not turn off the power in the Dali, to try to wake up all Americans.

Would Americans and their political leaders, priests and state and national governments ever figure that one out?

In the King James Bible

Matthew 7:15-20

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

Mark 13:31-37

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels
which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.
For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his
house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work,
and commanded the porter to watch.

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house
cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the
morning:

Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Revelation 3:3

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast,
and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a
thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Will God, karma, etc. make Donald Trump president again because President Joe Biden didn't stop giving Israel money and munitions to devastate Gaza?



Gaza

I'm 1/8th Jewish through my Polish great grandfather, who came to America in the latter 1800s and ended up in Troy, Alabama, where he met, courted and married a Southern Baptist school teacher, whose father had been an officer in the Confederate Army. They raised their children in the Southern Baptist Church in Troy, whose Sunday services Leopold attended, but he did not convert. That's how the Leopold Bashinsky bloodline became Christian.

Leopold is memorialized in the "He Was a Nobel Creation" chapter of *A Few Remarkable Alabama People I Have Known*, which I wrote with oceans of tears and rivers of snot in 2004, in Helen, Georgia. Now it is a free read at the internet library, [archive.com](https://archive.org). Here's a link directly to that

little book:

https://archive.org/details/a-few-remarkable-alabama-people-i-have-known_202210

Because I am an old fart with lots of spare time on my hands thanks to time, gravity and life killing off what I once did to pass the time and get in and out trouble, I will tell you that 3 nights before 9/11, in my tent on a friend's land outside of Helen, Georgia, where earlier that summer the novel *Heavy Wait: A Strange Tale* gushed out of me on a public library computer, now a free read at archive.org, https://archive.org/details/heavy-wait-a-strange-tale_202212/page/n1/mode/2up, the angel known in the Jewish and Christian scriptures as Michael asked me in my sleep, "Will you make a prayer for a divine intervention of all of humanity?", and I woke up wondering what that was about and made the prayer and went back to sleep.

On 9/11, my concern was America would get itself into another foreign war it could not win, like what happened in Vietnam, which divided American society down the middle and shredded the nation's soul. I could not imagine America would get into two such wars: Afghanistan and Iraq.

A few days later, I was back in Key West, via Greyhound, and as I walked out of the U.S. Post Office in Old Town, Michael told me, "America should get out of the Middle East altogether and let Israel and Islam work it out or fight it out, and in that way learn which, if either, is God's chosen people." I sensed the end of Michael's comment was irony, or sarcasm.

In the summer of 2003, during a Sunday school class in a church near Helen, where I was hanging out again to get away from the Key West summer heat, mosquitoes and hurricanes, not much fun for a homeless person, the Sunday School teacher said he hoped God kills all Muslims!

I said quietly, "What about turn the other cheek, pray for your enemies?"

The Sunday school teacher looked at me, said again what he hoped God would do.

I said pretty loud this time, "What's wrong with Christians? Don't they read their own Bible? In Genesis, God told Abraham that Ishamel's seed would become a great nation and would cause Isaac's seed trouble."

A great hush fell over the room.

Back then, I was put into situations where I said stuff that rattled Christian cages a bit.

I was not yet active on the internet.

Back to the present.

Despite what I hear from Christians, read online and see on TV, I don't think God by any name called likes war.

I cannot wrap my mind around God sanctioning any war reported in the Christian Bible's Old Testament. I wonder if the Jewish prophets of old who waged war, starting with Abraham, were listening to voices in their own heads, or to the Devil?

I don't see how the war in Gaza pleases God, and to the contrary, it looks to me that the war in Gaza pleases the Devil, and both sides are in deep doo doo with God.

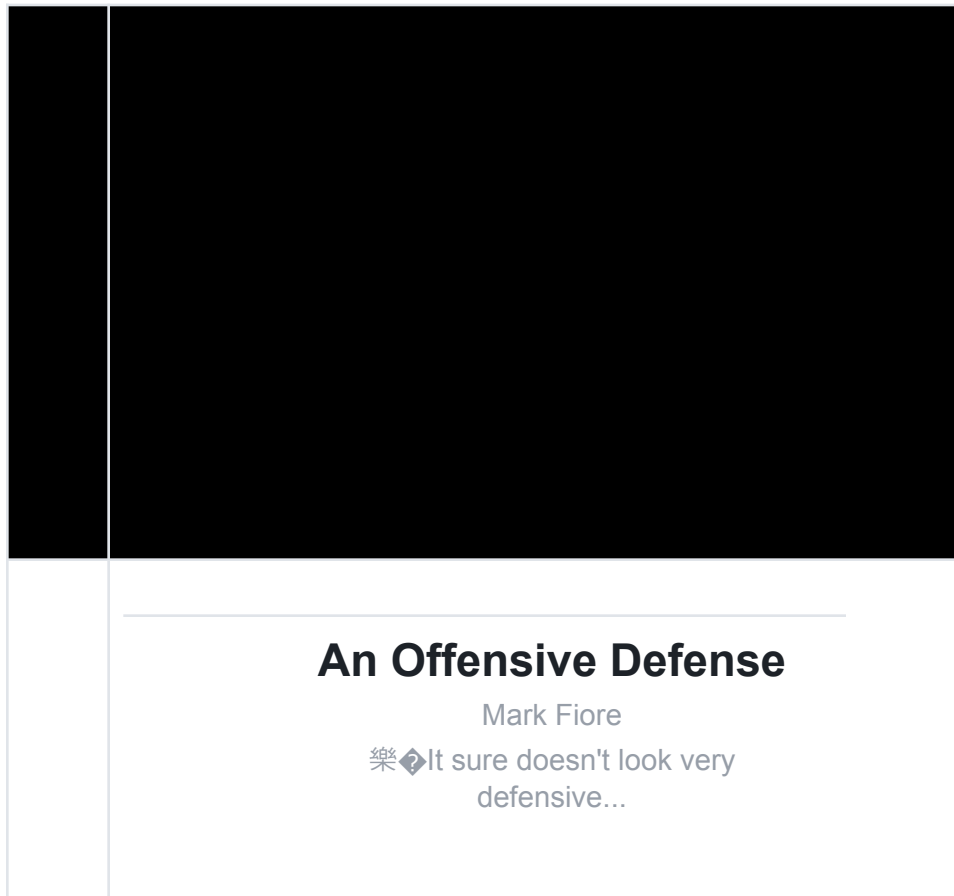
In that regard, two Substack newsletters to which I subscribe.

Mark Flore

April4, 2024

https://markfiore.substack.com/p/an-offensive-defense?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email#media-6cf65d10-3c86-469d-bf49-b25f8d8b5cad

An Offensive Defense



Sloan Bashinsky

Sloan's Newsletter

Gaza mayhem is horrible. I think if HAMAs cared about its subjects in Gaza, months ago it would have offered to release all of its Oct 7 hostages, if Israel agreed to leave Gaza alone for so long as HAMAs left Israel alone.

Ezekiel Detroit Substack

Sloan B., That is a sane solution. It does not meet Hamas definition. Their solution is to kill all Jews in Israel. Terrorists do not think like typical westerners. If they die, they just go to paradise where women will serve them. No big deal to die. Hostages are now their property to be their slaves. It is written. Catch my drift?

Sloan Bashinsky

I understand your drift completely.

Hamas views all of its subjects killed by Israel as martyrs sent straight to Allah, so no big deal. Hamas's original charter called for the destruction of Israel. Hamas' "amended" charter praises Islam as a peace-loving religion and does not recognize Israel's right to exist. Sinwar spent a long time in prison in Israel, and he figured out there was no way Hamas could defeat Israel militarily, and after he got out of that prison he switched to defeating Israel, and its benefactor America, in the court of public opinion, and he designed an attack that he hoped would cause Israel to do precisely what it did in Gaza, to paint Israel as a modern Nazi Germany, and smear America, and Israel took the bait and America sided with Israel and here we are.

I know Israel did plenty to provoke Islam in the past, taking land, and taking land, and wars in Gaza and the West Bank, and Israel does not have clean hands, and it, too, is run by religious fanatics, who claim God is on their side. President Biden should have cut off money and munitions to Israel months ago. But I live in Alabama, which is very red, and I know the America religious right back Israel all the way, (a) because their Bible says God promised Israel that land, even though they ignore the Israelites turned their back on God many times, and (b) they hope Israel will kill every Muslim in the Middle East, and they wouldn't mind Israel using its nukes to to it.

It's a really screwed up mess, thanks to religion, and God has nothing to do with it. If Trump is elected this year, his base won't let him abandon Israel. It's a shame all the nice Christians in America did not allow the WWII Jewish refugees to resettle in America. If that had happened, maybe there would be no Israel today.

As long as Israel exists, there will be strife in Palestine. All predicted in Genesis when God told Abraham that Ishmael's seed would become a great nation and would cause Issac's seed (Israelites) trouble. Islam views Ishmael as the promised child, and radical Islam views that part of Genesis, which is in the Koran, as a mandate from God to cause Isaac's seed trouble. All of that is in the Bibles Donald Trump is selling :-)

Money Circus

Crisis Update: Troubling Lessons Of Israel's AI Kill Targets Efficiency or unearthing darker impulses?

APR 05, 2024

<https://moneycircus.substack.com/p/crisis-update-troubling-lessons-of>

Sloan Bashinsky Sloan's Newsletter, liked by Money Circus

Hard for me to imagine Sinwar and other Hamas officials did not know of Israel's AI military capability when Hamas launched the October 7 attack, which looks to me was designed and hoped to provoke Israel to do precisely what it has been doing in Gaza, to turn the entire world against Israel and its benefactor, America, which leads me to think Hamas doesn't care how many people Israel kills, maims, displaces, etc. in Gaza, they are martyrs, and the worse the mayhem in Gaza, the better for Hamas's publicity. Looks to me that Hamas and Israel both are run by religious freak monsters, and God has nothing to do with any of it. If only Hal could return from Jupiter to jettison both sides's leaders into space to see if that gets the left behinds' undivided attention :-)

I wonder, younguns, if Donald Trump will be back in the White House this time next year, because Joe Biden kept living Israel money and munitions to hunt down and kill Hamas in Gaza? Yeah, I know that ain't ever gonna be a popular perspective of how God and karma work in mysterious ways, and I hope it doesn't play out that way, but maybe Trump being president again is how it needs to play out, because that's what America deserves, thanks to President Biden and America supporting Israel in Gaza, and

Trump said he is Israel's best friend and that war would not have happened if he was president :-)

Maybe if we are real lucky, Hamas, Israel and President Biden have not started World War III.

What I don't get is how any patriotic God-fearing American supports Donald Trump, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. or Joe Biden

It had been a while since I posted something at this blogspot, when earlier today I posted [Will God, karma, etc. make Donald Trump president again because President Joe Biden didn't stop giving Israel money and munitions to devastate Gaza?](#)

It had been a while, because I felt I ran out of things to say, and America is so screwed up that I doubt even God can fix it, and it didn't matter what I say, which is how I felt when I ran six times for mayor of Key West, three times for county commission, and one time for school board in the Florida Keys, as an independent.

I paid the filing fees for each race. I had no campaign committee, no campaign workers, no vote for me signs in people's front yards, no newspaper, radio or television advertising. I did not make house calls to meet my constituents.

I felt dragooned into something I detested. I felt it was egotistical and immoral to presume to run for public office. I felt anyone who actually wanted to hold public office was insane and should not be allowed to run. I felt political parties, PACs, campaign contributions, etc. should be outlawed. I felt the onus should be on the voters to dragoon candidates for public office via write in voting.

I participated in candidate forums, where I consistently was against the grain, likewise in media interviews and on my blogs, [goodmorningkeywest.com](#) and [goodmorningfloridakeys.com](#), and after they went on to the cyber afterlife, [afoolsworknevernends.blogspot.com](#), about half of which passed

on to cyber afterlife.

There never was a candidate for public office like me in the Florida Keys, because no other candidate had angels known in the Bible telling them to run if they knew what was good for them. No other candidates had been turned very which way but loose and upside down and stood before endless mirrors by angels known in the Bible. No others candidates lived each day and night with this part of Proverbs 9:10 ever in their gut, heart, mind and soul:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Dreams last night had me down in Key West talking to Father Stephen Braddock, a Catholic Priest who once ran a security company in New York City, and Donald Trump was one of his company's clients. In Key West, Steve was fully involved in trying to help homeless people turn their lives around. He ran Florida Keys Outreach Coalition's halfway houses.

In 2003, I ran ran out of money again and was living in a tent in the wetlands near the Key West airport. I contracted MRSA, a ruthless, life-threatening, antibiotics resistant flesh-eating staphylococcus bacteria that lives in Key West and Florida Keys waters. Near death, I went to the entry level FKOC halfway house and was admitted.

The next day, I was in the city's hospital having emergency surgery to carve two awful MRSA abscesses out of my groin and one out of my butt. I was released the next afternoon and returned to the FKOC shelter. The next day, Steve Braddock and Key West City Commissioner Bill Verge asked me if I would run for mayor of Key West? They said they would pay my filing fee.

They had heard me speak many times at city commission meetings about how the city treated its homeless people, and

about other things on the city commission meeting printed agenda. They said they liked what I said.

I told Steve and Bill that I would have to sleep on it. After sleeping on it, I told Steve that I was told in a dream that he should run for major. He said he had too much on his plate. I said I needed to sleep on it again. I was told in a dream to accept Steve and Bill's offer, and I told Steve that. They gave me money for the filing fee and I filed with the local election office.

That night in my sleep, I was told in a dream, "If you know what's good for you, you will do everything you can to get Jimmy Weekly reelected." Jimmy was the incumbent mayor. He had pissed off some people and it was thought he might not be reelected. However, he was sympathetic to homeless peoples' plight.

Later that day, I rode my bicycle through a city park where there was a seafood festival in progress and Jimmy was there and told him what I had dreamed and for him to be prepared for me breaking that news.

A few days later, I attended the first candidate forum, hosted by the Key West Business Guild, which was started by the city's LBGTQ community, which was not happy with Jimmy, even though he had gone to Washington, D.C. to participate in a LBGTQ march.

The first candidate to arrive at the forum, I was asked to draw a straw to see when I would get to introduce myself. I drew the longest straw, meaning I got to go first.

When the forum moderator introduced me and handed me a microphone, I looked at the audience and said I detest politics and am running because God told me in a dream to run, and

what are you all thinking, talking about not voting for Jimmy Weekly, who has been so supportive of your community? Jimmy knows he made some mistakes, and he made adjustments, and you should vote for him.

When the forum ended, a lot of people in the audience introduced themselves to me and thanked me for what I had said.

The LGBTQ community made up about 20 percent of Key West's voting population. The election was over, but it took a few more candidate forums before the voters said it was over.

By then, I was pretty sure Steve Braddock was gay. He and Bill Verge did not seem thrilled with how I went about it, but through several terms as Mayor, and after he term-limited out, as a city commissioner, Jimmy Weekly remained sympathetic to the city's homeless people, while the city government and city police and city residents grew increasingly hostile toward the city's homeless people, as they worshipped their homeless savior Jesus Christ.

Yesterday, I saw on CNN that former Democrat Robert F. Kennedy, Jr, the 70-year-old son of Democrat President John F. Kennedy's Democrat brother Robert F. Kennedy, running this year as an Independent candidate, questioned whether the January 6, 2020 riot at the national Capitol was an insurrection, and said, if elected, he will have that investigated by the U.S. Department of Justice.

I thought the only investigation the stupid fuck had to do was google photos of the white mob outside and inside the national Capitol, and watch easily googled videos of same- *res ipsa loquitur*, the thing speaks for itself.

That was discussed in the Reddit r/politics forum yesterday. Here are some of the early comments before video gamers arrived and wandered all over everywhere.

Smaynard6000

The more this guy appeals to Trump voters, the more I'm happy to see him stick around

AxlLight9h

How does it matter? As long as he's not siphoning democratic votes, he can say whatever he wants and Republicans can play around spinning him however they want.

But regardless, Democrats once again show they're bad at strategy with calling this guy to quit when he's doing us a world of favor. RFK, go crazier please, launch some gold shoes or something, make some playing cards, hug a flag.

jpk195

There's no clearer line in the sand between Trump's base and the rest of us than Jan. 6th. He's on the side that can only hurt Trump, and hope he stays there.

Nukesnipe

It's so fucking funny to me that he was obviously pushed as a Biden spoiler but he's genuinely such a fucking stupid wackjob that he ended up as a Trump spoiler instead. He was supposed to spoil votes for Biden, watching this shit blow up in the republican's faces is too bloody good

Puzzled-Drop (me)

Many flew over the cuckoo's nest.

I think it was in 2016 that two American journalists working for the British-based *Guardian* newspaper interviewed me and my

homeless girlfriend Kari Dangler in person about homeless politics in Key West. When the *Guardians'* journalists met with me again, they said the people running Key West's homeless shelter declined to speak further with them after learning they already had interviewed me and my homeless girlfriend. Their ensuing article in the *Guardian* did not mention that.

Here's a link to The Redneck Mystic Lawyer podcast about Kari, which has had over 500,000 complete watches worldwide:

Homeless outlaw cowgirl shaman with the blues saved Key West from Hurricane Irma obliteration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZ0Dc03eksU&t=971s>

The *Guardian* did a somewhat better job with an article in my Apple newsfeed this morning, perhaps because what's at stake is a helluva lot more important than how Key West treats homeless people?

I added in the 2nd Trump Jesus photo and the photos of Trump with his good friend woman trafficker Jeffrey Epstein, and of Trump with his good friends Bill and Hillary Clinton, and of Trump bowing to a Saudi prince who had maybe 100 wives and had a Saudi journalist sawed up into little pieces.

Below this lengthy article are my parting thoughts, for today.

THE GUARDIAN

Christian nationalists embrace Trump as their savior – will they be his?

Christians opposed to infidelity and immorality have embraced a thrice-married man who can't name a single Bible verse

A thrice-married man who refers to the Eucharist as a “little cracker”, was apparently unable to name a single Bible verse and says he has never asked God for forgiveness was always an unlikely hero for the most conservative Christians in the US.

But in both 2016 and 2020, Donald Trump resoundingly won the vote of white evangelicals. Now, with Trump having almost certainly secured the Republican nomination for 2024 and eyeing a return to the White House, his campaign is doubling down on religious imagery, securing the evangelical base and signaling sympathies with Christian nationalism.

Indeed, the former US president’s relationship with the religious right has deepened so much that Trump is now comfortable with comparing himself to their messiah.

“And on June 14, 1946, God looked down on his planned paradise, and said: ‘I need a caretaker,’” booms a video that Trump shared on his Truth Social account, and that has been played at some of his rallies.

“So God gave us Trump.”

The video, made by Dilley Meme Team, a group of Trump supporters, continues:

“God said: ‘I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, fix this country, work all day, fight the Marxists, eat supper, then go to the Oval Office and stay up past midnight at a meeting of the heads of state.’ So God made Trump.”

To some, it is a baffling pairing. Evangelicals, who typically

adhere to a literal reading of the Bible and, theoretically, follow a strict code that opposes infidelity, immorality and abortion and is critical of same-sex relationships, seem an odd match-up with a man like Trump.

But the pairing has had benefits for both parties: Trump got elected in 2016, and evangelicals got a conservative supreme court that has already overturned the Roe v Wade ruling, which enshrined a constitutional right to abortion.

Now, Trump is believing the hype he's received from some on the religious right: that he has been chosen, or anointed, by God himself.

He has increasingly begun to lean into the rightwing social conservatism that white evangelicals – who make up 14% of Americans – favor. That was clear in February, when Trump spoke at the National Religious Broadcasters convention (NRBC), a gathering of the kind of conservative Christians who lead mega-churches, host televangelist shows and claim to receive prophecies from God.

Trump said in that address that there was an “anti-Christian bias” in the US, and promised that he would create a taskforce to investigate “discrimination, harassment and persecution against Christians in America”.

While Trump easily won the white evangelical vote in his previous two presidential elections, Kristin Du Mez, a professor of history and gender studies at Calvin University whose research focuses on the intersection of gender, religion and politics, said this election cycle sees him leaning even further into this appeal.

Du Mez said his speech at the NRBC was “a new level we haven’t often seen”.

“He was promising [the evangelical audience] power, but in much more explicit terms,” she said. “And he was really leaning into this language of culture wars, of religious wars: that he was going to protect their interests and protect their power against the enemies – against fellow Americans, against liberals, against the enemies who were trying to persecute Christians, who were persecuting Christians.”

The “God made Trump” video is not the only example of Trump seeing himself as a deity. On 25 March, Trump said on his Truth Social account that he had received the following message from a supporter:

“It’s ironic that Christ walked through His greatest persecution the very week they are trying to steal your property from you.”

It follows Trump sharing a fake court sketch in late 2023, published during Trump’s fraud trial in New York, which shows him seated beside Jesus Christ.

About 85% of white evangelical Protestant voters who frequently attend religious services voted for Trump in 2020, Pew Research found, as did 81% of those who attend less frequently.

Securing, and adding to, that vote could be key to a Trump victory. Du Mez pointed to research by the Public Religion Research Institute that shows how crucial the evangelical

vote is in swing states. Evangelicals make up about a quarter of residents in Georgia and North Carolina, 16% of the population in Pennsylvania and about 12% of voters in Wisconsin.

...so the Guardian won't cover this election like a reality show. With so much at stake, support fiercely independent, reader-funded journalism – it only takes a minute.

Biden beat Trump in all but North Carolina in 2020. Given the lack of enthusiasm for both candidates, both men are desperate to win every possible vote in what is expected to be a tight election.

It helps Trump that evangelicals feel under attack. Since 2015, he has told his supporters that they are looked down on by liberal elites, and that their rights are threatened. That same message resonates with some religious voters, Du Mez said, who could also resent the mockery of Trump's imagining himself as Jesus Christ.

"It only reinforces the scripts that they've been handed, which is that the left is out to get you and they are mocking and they have no respect for your faith," Du Mez said.

While Trump has long enjoyed popularity among evangelicals, and has been courted by leaders including televangelists and pastors at mega-churches, this is the first election cycle in which he has been confident enough to compare himself to Jesus Christ. So, what's changed?

Trump "has been getting this message from these folks for years now", said Matthew D Taylor, author of *The Violent Take*

It by Force: The Christian Movement That Is Threatening Our Democracy, recalling the sight of evangelical leaders praying over Trump during his time in office.

The thirst for Trump as a biblical figure can be traced to the unique way he ascended to become an evangelical favorite, Taylor said: when he launched his campaign in June 2015, few in “respectable evangelical circles” wanted anything to do with the brash, twice-divorced, self-proclaimed billionaire.

It made sense. This was a man who, during his first presidential campaign, memorably misnamed the body of Christ, and while at church put cash in a plate that is meant to hold the communion. During his early forays into religious outreach, Trump was asked to name his favorite verse in the Bible, and couldn’t name one – asked again three weeks later, he named one that doesn’t exist.

He enlisted Paula White as his spiritual adviser, and charged her with bringing the evangelical elites onboard. The problem was that White, herself a thrice-married multimillionaire who preaches the idea that God will bestow wealth on his followers, didn’t move in those circles.

Taylor noted that White’s allies were among fellow prosperity gospel preachers and “new apostolic reformation leaders” – a movement that seeks to inject Christianity into politics, the judiciary, the media and business.

“These folks were really on the margins not only of American Christianity, but of American evangelicals. They were seen as kind of lowbrow and prosperity gospel types and televangelists. They were seen as kind of a laughable sector

of evangelicalism in respectable evangelical circles,” Taylor said.

As Trump won primary elections in state after state, the respectable evangelicals were able to overcome their moral objections to him being the Republican candidate.

But by this point, Trump’s main advisers were cemented as the type of religious leaders once scoffed at by the religious elites. Trump continued to rely on the Paula Whites of this world, and the more far-out religious leaders won influence – and are set to have even more if he wins in 2024.

“Those are the type of people I think Trump would be bringing in to help shape policy, help shape identity,” Taylor said.

“These aren’t the kind of people who are policy wonks, but there are Christian nationalists who have very clear agenda items, especially on topics like abortion, on topics like support for Israel, on topics like religious freedom, on topics such as LGBTQ +rights.

“Trump has surrounded himself and has brought into his White House advisers echelons some very, very extreme Christian voices. And he seems to be at the very least playing footsie with them, if not overtly endorsing some of their ideas.”

This bodes poorly for a Trump second term, when abortion rights, the rights of LGBTQ+ people and even the right to access IVF treatment could come under attack.

There are also warning signs, Taylor said, should Trump again refuse to concede the election – and if his supporters once more interpret his rhetoric as a call to attack the home of US democracy.

Trump's religious supporters were among those at the Capitol during the January 6 insurrection. Taylor said he was seeing "more and more of this cross-pollination between far-right and even overtly racist elements and these spiritual warriors".

"When you are mixing white nationalism and neo-Nazi ideas with very heavy religious fervor and processes, that is a very, very dangerous mix," Taylor said.

"Because it's encouraging more and more people to do extraordinary things, if they feel like their country is slipping away from them."

The Brits ought to know, since once upon a time, Americans did extraordinary things to rid themselves of their brutal British king.

What I don't get is why THE GUARDIAN didn't hone in on Ivana Trump told VANITY FAIR that when she was married to Donald, he kept a book of Hitler's speeches in a cabinet on his side of their bed, and sometimes he read it at night.

What I don't get is why THE GUARDIAN did not say Trump's white supremacist base is far larger than white Christian evangelicals.

Trump's 2016 victory celebration

Charlottesville protest of removal
of Confederate Monuments

while Trump was president

Trump's January 6, 2020 peace demonstration

What I don't get is how any God-fearing American supports Donald Trump.

Or Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

Or Joe Biden, who helped Israel destroy Gaza.

it has gotten to the point that some Americans behave like Islamic jihadists toward people who disagree with them and their leaders



Ok, younguns, some really serious shit today.

Where to begin?

Perhaps with something I read that a German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said: "Silence in the face of Evil itself is Evil, God will not hold us guiltless."

Bonhoeffer is best known for his book, THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP, in which he compares what he called "cheap grace" with the real thing. I think every Christian should read that book.

Bonhoeffer and other German men planned to assassinate Adolph Hitler and were caught and that was the end of them.

It has come to the point in America where one person has gathered a huge following that behaves like Islamic jihadists when they don't like what someone says about them and their leader.

I had my first taste of that vibe when I was invited into something, and the instigator had a change of heart and left me in a serious lurch and threatened to call the police on me, and I warned her, if she did not back off, I would publish her and my emails and our Facebook messenger chat at my blog, so people could see what really happened, and she called the police on me, and I published her and my correspondence, and she sued me, and lost, and she sued me again, and lost. **I defended myself, because I was homeless and could not afford a lawyer.**

A man I knew well, who joined the instigator by bashing me online, had kidney failure and was put on dialysis. A blogger, who joined the instigator by bashing me on his blog and reported me to the Alabama elder protection agency, got a wellness visit from a district attorney and law enforcement and shit his pants, and his lawyer brother, who had joined in, was fired by his state agency employer. Covid-19 made the instigator an invalid.

The other day, the fellow who operates the refreshingly delightful Free Radio Rulu Newsletter, <https://freeradiorulo.substack.com/>, invited me to send him a "fictitious" letter to the editor. I replied, be careful what you ask for? He said to let fly.

Ahoy, Wonder Bread truck free radio station Rulu, Nebraska...

I have to say, you are a cornhusker wonder to behold.

I do not say that lightly as a long-time Alabama Crimson Tide fan.

I say it as someone who has shot off his mouth and pen for a very long time, disturbing the self-deemed precious STATUS QUO.

The HEAD UP WHERE THE SUN NEVER SHINES religion, or should I say, cult?

The POLITICOS and the RELIGIOUS, who FEATHER their and their friends and families' NESTS.

And their LAWYERS' nests.

I am a lawyer, by the way. Or was one. Well, it's probably terminal, like Ebola. But IT takes much longer.

In the past I ran ten times for local public office, claiming God told me to run, if I knew what was good for me.

I detested politics, but I was dragooned in a dream to roll up my sleeves and dive into that raunchy sewer. So, I dove.

I never came close to winning, so I didn't have to ask for a recount.

I always was the minority report, out of the box, the pissant, some might say.

But, my goodness, it actually was some fun, when I wasn't moaning about it.

I named my good morning blogs in salute to the VERY SUBVERSIVE "Good Morning Vietnam" movie, may Robin Williams, the Vietnam war dead and those blogs all rest in peace.

It was many years after that war that I considered JFK, RFK, MLK and Malcom X all got shot dead after they came out against America at war in Vietnam.

I had a pretty big reader following at my blogs.

I spoke hundreds of times at city and county commission meetings, school board and other local government meetings.

I got quoted in local newspapers, one of which likened me to Don Quixote in an editorial cartoon.

I got interviewed by local radio and TV stations.

I gave real estate developers and their lawyers and their captured city and county commissioners hell, and then some.

But dang, I never dreamed of having my own Wonder Bread truck radio station.

I don't now recall how I stumbled across you and instantly recognized a fellow kamikaze pilot, balls to the wall, no sacred cow left un-poked, skewered, drone-missiled.

And to beat all, you are a POET!

The SCANDAL!

Once upon a time, when I lived in Boulder, Colorado, I met a woman disc jockey in Salt Lake City, who had her own morning call in show. She interviewed me several times by telephone, and the Christians and the Momons in Salt Lake lit up the station's phones.

One day we were to entertain the Salt Lake folks, she called around breakfast to ask if I had heard what was on the news and did I still want to do the interview?

The news was the federal assault of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas.

I said, of course. Just tell your audience ahead of time that you will be interviewing the Devil in Waco.

She laughed.

She did the promo, and oh my God, the station's phone lines started lighting up after she asked me who I was, and I said, The Devil, and where I was, and I said, In Waco, Texas, and why was I there, and I said, to see how people make my work so easy for me that I mostly hang out on Maui staring at half naked beautiful women on beaches.

I dunno. It just now occurs to me that maybe that was my first plunge into national politics, or any kind of politics.

Now, I have to tell you this.

Back when I wuz running for local office, you could shoot off your mouth about politics and religion without worrying much about somebody shooting you. But as you have observed, times have really changed, and while I keep shooting off my mouth here and there, it won't surprise me to walk outside some day and look down to see red laser dots on my chest.

So, while I hope you keep on poking the places that deserve poking, this 81+ grandfossil the Smithsonian is still trying to recapture, after it let me out for a walk one day and I snuck behind a bush and gnawed off the hind foot with the tracker on it and grew another hind foot and hightailed it, also hopes you have plenty of Kevlar and a band of battle angels backing you up, who truly appreciate fools who rush in where angels fear to tread, but if there were no fools, who'd lead the angels?

Not long ago, I mentioned in one of my tales to you younguns that a 4-year black of the soul began to lift in 1995 after I had three visions, and that I might share those visions with you later on. I think this might be time to do that.

I spontaneously lived these three visions in about 4 days' time while oceans of tears and rivers of snot ran out of me. You can view the visions as parables, but they are far more than that, and are free for you, and anyone, to claim and use.

of men, wolves and eagles ...

Once upon a time there lived a man named Joseph, who grew tired of living with people and left his village and went into the woods to live.

By and by, a wolf pack discovered Joseph and over time got to know him and that he was not like other men, and eventually they took him into their pack. The leader of the pack was a red wolf named David, and soon David and Joseph became fast friends, and they hunted and played and slept together like . . . wolves.

Then one day, the men in the village where Joseph had lived learned from hunters that Joseph was living with wolves. The men decided it was not right for a man to go off and live in the woods and run with wolves, so they got their guns and set off to find Joseph and bring him back to the village, to live like a man.

The men came upon the wolf pack sleeping in the sun next to a bluff. The wind was blowing off the bluff, away from the wolf pack toward the men, which prevented the pack from scenting the men as they approached. By the time the wolf pack realized the men were there, the men had the pack surrounded, pinned against the bluff.

David wanted to order the pack to attack, but Joseph said, "No, I am a man, they will listen to reason, let me go and speak with them." Although David did not like this idea, he agreed to it because Joseph was a man. But the men would not listen to reason and they shot and killed the entire pack and took Joseph heartbroken back to the village.

Joseph languished in the village for many weeks, blaming himself for the death of his pack.

Then, Joseph has a dream, in which he sees David's face. David is angry, but says nothing, just stares. Finally, Joseph blurts out that he did the best he knew how to do, and he's so sorry for the way it turned

out! David says, “Better that we attacked and died like wolves, than be slaughtered like sheep!”

Then, Joseph is back with the pack, against the bluff, surrounded by the men. David says he wants the pack to attack. Joseph says, “And I will lead the charge!” Then, they hear a voice, the whole pack hears it, say, “There is another way, ask for another way.” Never before have Joseph, David or the pack had such a thing happen, but Joseph asks for another way.

Suddenly, a great bolt of lightning strikes the ground between the pack and the men, stirring up a huge cloud of dust. As the dust begins to settle, it begins to take the shape of something huge. The wolves and Joseph then see a pair of golden eyes peering from the bushes behind the men. Then a second pair of golden eyes. Then a third pair. Then ten pair. Then a hundred pair. Then a legion of . . . wolves’ eyes. The men are moved by some force to turn around and see what the now delirious pack already see.

Then, the men turn back around and find themselves face to face with a great towering eagle, whose piercing golden eyes penetrate their hearts. Then, they hear, “These are my battle angels. You may leave this place and go back to your village, taking your guns with you, on condition that you tell everyone what has happened here today.”

To this condition the men readily agree, and they return to their village and tell everyone what happened, and they go to nearby villages and tell it.

something about lions ...

Once upon a time there lived a woman named Alya. She was the medicine woman in her tribe, using herbs and poultices and spirit ways to help her people. Yet she had one flaw: she hated lions, because a lion had killed her father. Her hatred caused her to cast spells against

lions, which caused her husband great concern. He often told Alya that her war with lions was going to get her into big trouble, but she was a medicine woman, she knew the ways of the spirits, and she did not listen to her husband.

One day while Alya was out gathering herbs, she spotted a lion sunning himself in tall grasses on the savannah. She hatched a scheme in her mind to sneak up on the lion and cast a spell on him, which would enable her to steal his spirit and have it for herself. As she crept closer to the lion, she began chanting softly and seeing in her mind's eye her spell taking over the lion. However, she was so focused on what she was doing, that she did not see in her mind's eye the lion's mate returning from hunting. Nor did she see the lioness catch her sent, drop her kill from her mouth to the ground and circle around behind. Too late, Alya realized her peril, just as the lioness took her from behind.

Next thing Alya knows, she is in the spirit world, standing before the Lion Spirit. Trembling with terror, Alya wants to run away, but the Lion Spirit speaks to her heart, says, "There is something you do not yet know."

Then, Alya is back on the savannah, watching a hunter from her tribe sneaking up on a nest of lion cubs, whose parents are away hunting. The hunter has a twisted spirit, and decides to kill the lion cubs just for the fun of doing it, even though killing any animal just for sport is taboo in his tribe, which worships the Lion Spirit. On returning to his village, the hunter tells no one what he has done.

When the lion and lioness return to their nest and find their dead cubs, they are enraged. They catch the hunter's scent and track him back to the edge of the village, where the lion hides in a thicket and begins roaring and bellowing out his rage over what has happened. The hunter knows why the lion is there, doing that, but still he tells no one.

Alya's father, the tribe's leader, prepares to go out and face and kill the lion, because it his duty to protect his tribe from marauding lions. And so he sets out to face the lion, even as the hunter lets him go without saying what has happened to bring this about, and that a lioness is also out there with the lion.

Alya's father quickly finds and confronts the lion, and is preparing to kill it with his spear, when he is taken from behind by the lioness. In her horror, Alya helplessly watches on, even as she now realizes that her hatred of lions was completely misplaced. She feels awful.

Then suddenly Alya is back on the savannah, stalking the lion whose spirit she once wanted to steal for herself. The lion looks up, stares into Alya's eyes. She shakes all over, is terrified, but does not look away. Then something takes hold of her, she says to the lion, "I have lost my father and you have lost your cubs. I will be your cub." The lion looks deep into Alya's spirit, nods, says, "And I will be your father, and will always protect your front." Then beside the lion is the lioness, who says to Alya, "And I will always protect your back."

the gift ...

A sleeping man dreams he sees the back of a young yogi meditating in the lotus position. Before the young yogi appear two cobras, raised up, hoods flared. One cobra is pure white, the other pure black. Both beautiful. The white cobra says to the young yogi, "We came to you once before because you were innocent, and you knew we brought a gift and you believed you had to choose one of us and you chose me." The black cobra says, "We come before you again because you now are wise." The yogi, now very advanced in years, weeps, chooses them both. The sleeping man, now an old man, awakens, crying.

Tax Day: America's moral compass in the era of Donald Trump



Bible salesman

Okay, Younguns, today is tax day in America, when Americans are supposed to pay their fair share of income taxes to their government, unless they are really rich like, say, Donald Trump 🕶️.

Today, Trump goes on trial before a jury in a New York City state court, where he has to attend every day, unless the judge excuses him. Trump is the first president in America's history to be criminally prosecuted.

After graduating from the University of Alabama School of Law, I clerked for United States District Court Judge Clarence W. Allgood in Birmingham, Alabama. Judge Allgood had pioneered the federal debtors court in

Birmingham, and he wrote the law that the U.S. Congress passed to make that court national. Judge Allgood obtained his law degree from the Birmingham School of Law, taught by local lawyers at night. He never practiced law. Creating the federal debtors court got him appointed to the federal bench.

Even today, I view him as my spiritual father.

You can read my memorial of Judge Allgood in the “He Used to Drink Moonshine” chapter of *A Few Remarkable Alabama People I Have Known*, now a free read at the internet library:

https://archive.org/details/a-few-remarkable-alabama-people-i-have-known_202210/page/n19/mode/2up

By agreement with the other two federal judges in Birmingham at that time, Seyborne Lynne and Hobart Grooms, Judge Allgood presided over every criminal prosecution in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. I watched many federal prosecutions during my year and a half with Judge Allgood. I sat many times in his chambers, listening to him, federal prosecutors and criminal defense lawyers discuss cases. I watched former Alabama Attorney General Richmond Flowers be prosecuted for political shenanigans and convicted by a jury before Judge Allgood. I think I can fairly say, compared to Donald Trump, Richmond Flowers was Jesus Christ.

The New York state prosecution of Donald Trump arises out of hush money Donald Trump's New York lawyer Michael Cohen paid to porn star Stormy Daniels, which Cohen and Trump tried to disguise as a business expense to protect Trump's chances during the 2016 presidential election, and, I suppose, to keep Melania Trump from learning that her husband had sex with Daniels after Melania gave birth to their son. Donald Trump's lawyers asked the U.S. Supreme Court to throw out the New York state court case, and SCOTUS ruled against him, stating no one, including a former president, is above the law.

How the New York state court jury will decide is anyone's guess. If the jury convicts, Trump will appeal and remain free. He will not be disqualified from the presidential ballot, because the U.S. Constitution does not explicitly prohibit someone from running for president while under indictment, or even while serving time behind bars. Eligibility requirements for presidents state only that they must be at least 35 years old, be a natural-born citizen of the United States, and have been a resident of the country for at least 14 years.

If Trump wins the presidential election this year and takes office, and then he loses his appeal in the New York courts, and in the U.S. Supreme Court, and is put in a New York state prison, I suppose a Secret Service detail will be allowed to protect him in the prison, but will he have access to a smartphone, tablet, computer, press secretary, internet, Truth Social, X, Facebook, Instagram, Tic Tok, etc.? Do other New York state prisoners have such access? Well?

While watching the final round of the Masters golf tournament yesterday afternoon, I recalled hearing and reading rumors that Donald Trump cheats when he plays golf, and I chanced to visit The Republicans Against Trump Facebook page and something got into me and I told them how I really feel 😏 about them, Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, etc.

Sloan Bashinsky

I never belonged to a political party, and I still don't understand how any person with a moral compass was able to vote for Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton in 2016. I very reluctantly voted for Joe Biden in 2020, the first time I had voted for a major party candidate. I won't vote for Biden this year, after watching him help the religious fanatics in Israel destroy Gaza. I give Hamas no free pass, they hoped the October 7 raid would provoke Israel to do what it has done and turn the entire world against Israel and America.

I'm at the point of thinking the only way to drain the D.C. swamp is nuke it when Congress is in session and the president and vice president and their cabinet are there. I got that notion from a Tom

Clancy novel, in which a Japanese Samurai airline pilot flew his fuel-laden jumbo jet into the U.S. Capitol while all but Jack Ryan were there. If I were the new U.S. president, I would declassify all of my government's ETs files and give Americans, and the world, something entirely different to ponder.

As for Trump's performance before the January 6, 2020 coup attempt, he knew from the beginning that the Covid-19 virus was very bad and he lied to the American people about that. In March of 2020, he had a cheap 5-day early stage Covid-19 cure in his hands. The Jewish family practitioner doctor who came up with it was interviewed by Sean Hannity on his FOX show. Trump told America on TV it might be a miracle. The medical-industrial complex, Fauci, CDC, NIH, WHO, Lancet, Joe Biden and the Democrats went haywire. Trump's FDA director withdrew his emergency permission for physicians to use the cure. Instead of firing his FDA director and replacing him with a doctor who would allow the cure to be used, so that America would not have to shut down, Trump caved and launched operation WarpSpeed, which pleased Biden, the Democrats and the medical industrial complex, which couldn't make money off the Jewish doctor's cure. That doctor was God's doctor in that moment, and Trump and America told that doctor and God to take a hike. If people have not even yet figured it out, Covid-19 was developed in a Red Chinese lab. Trump knew this early on.

I'm a retired lawyer, who clerked for a United States Judge, who presided over every criminal prosecution in his court's jurisdiction. My criminal law professor in law school had prosecuted Nazis at Nuremberg. If he were alive today, he would be pleased to prosecute Donald Trump for the January 6 coup attempt, and Trump and Joe Biden for mishandling classified documents.

All of my law professors would be pleased to say the current U.S. Supreme Court majority has rewritten Amendment 1's prohibition against Congress, and via Amendment 14, states establishing a

religion in America. My law professors also would be pleased to say SCOTUS giving corporations civil rights was insane.

Trump promised the Republicans and MAGAs that Mexico would pay for a wall along the USA southern border, and I haven't heard one Republican or MAGA talk about that. The way to stop the invasion from Mexico is for the President and the Congress to stop Americans and U.S. dollars from going to Mexico, and Mexican farm produce and manufactured goods from coming to America, until Mexico stops the invasion.

The way to help protect public school children from being massacred by guns in their schools is station armed to the teeth U.S. soldiers or well regulated militia at the entrances and exits of each school.

I majored in economics in college. The way to run a government is to not spend, or borrow, more money than the government has assets to repay. Any person or corporation who does that ends up in bankruptcy court, which Donald Trump used to stiff his creditors. In reducing spending, nothing can be spared, not even the U.S. military. It would go much easier, if the rich and corporations paid their fair share of federal income, gift and estate taxes. I have a tax law degree, too, and am from a wealthy family, which never paid its fair share in taxes, compared to what rank and file American workers pay.

The very last thing America needs is to be involved in is another foreign war. The winner in such wars is the American military industrial complex, aka, rich white men. JFK, RFK, MLK and Malcom X were shot and killed after they said they didn't want America to be at war in Vietnam. Trump should have gotten America all the way out Afghanistan and Iraq, instead of saying those countries' natural resources should be monetized to repay America for the cost of those wars caused by the first President Bush's needless rescue of Kuwait from Iraq.

Other than greed, there is no reason why Americans pay more for doctors, medicine and hospital services than people pay anywhere else in the world. I'm 81 years old. I paid for my Social Security, and but for Medicare reducing their fees, my doctors and pharmacy and hospitals would make a great deal of money off of me. When I traveled in Costa Rica in 2000 and needed emergency medical treatment, I was treated for free. How could that be? Costa Rica had no national military to pay. People in Cuba pay far less for medical treatment and medicine than people in America. How can that be, when Cuba has a military to pay?

If you really want to see what is going on in the Kingdom of Trump, look at the oceans of white people in photos of Trump rallies and the January 6 coup attempt.

The reason the unanimous US Supreme Court decided Amendment 14, Section 3 did not apply to the presidency was they feared for their lives if they decided otherwise.

If you were paying attention, you learned that when Trump was married to Ivana, he kept a book of Hitler's speeches in a cabinet on his side of their bed, and he sometimes read it at night.

And you learned, after Trump was sworn in in 2017, he said he liked the idea of Vladimir Putin being elected president of Russia for life, and, you learned how chummy Trump was with the Clintons and Jeffery Epstein.

President Trump bowed to the Saudi Prince who had a Saudi journalist sawed up into little pieces after he wrote stuff about the prince, which he didn't like, and Trump was financially bailed out twice by another Saudi, and after January 6, he was bailed out by Saudis and does a lot of business with them, who collect golfers like they collect race horses and harems, although none of their golfers are in

contention at the Masters this afternoon, and how many Saudis were involved in 9/11?

Dear remorseful Republicans who voted for Donald Trump, God was watching



mugshot of the first U.S. President to be criminally prosecuted

On CNN yesterday, I saw states rights champion Donald Trump say outside a state courthouse in New York city where he is being tried by the State of New York for criminal fraud, that he directed his lawyer to pay Stormy Daniels and marked it down as a business expense, and his accountant treated it as a business expense, and that's why he got indicted.

This former tax lawyer asks, since when is a mob boss paying hush money to a prostitute he had sex with, to help his chances of being elected president and to keep his wife from knowing what he did, a legitimate business expense that reduces his income taxes? Wasn't income tax evasion how the federal government put Al Capone in prison?

As a criminal defendant, Trump does not have to take the witness stand. If he does not take the witness stand, he cannot be asked any questions about what he did. However, as a matter of law, what he said, which I watched on CNN, can be admitted into evidence against him.

The day before on CNN, I saw a lawyer explaining that the trial judge in that case can rule Trump violated a gag order that he not talk about, intimidate or threaten jurors, witnesses, prosecutors and their staff, the court and its staff, after Trump threatened a potential juror being questioned by his attorneys.

The lawyer said the judge could fine Trump \$1,000 for the first violation of the gag order, \$10,000 for the second violation, \$100,000 for the third violation. I thought (a) that's chicken feed to Trump and good luck collecting it from him, and (b) what law school did that lawyer attend? Why didn't that lawyer say the judge can hold Trump in contempt in put him in Manhattan's county jail and let him watch his trial on Zoom with his Secret Service Agent detail sitting beside him in the same jail cell?

In yet another parallel universe, I saw this below in my Facebook feed today and tossed in my former U.S. District Judge law clerk and practicing attorney's sentiments.

Republican Voters Against Trump

Carol, a former Trump voter from Texas:

"The fact that Trump says he wants to do away with the Constitution, to me, is mind blowing...Democracy will falter under his watch. Please do not vote for Donald Trump."

Sloan Bashinsky

After graduating from the University of Alabama School of Law in Tuscaloosa in 1968, I clerked for a God-fearing United States District Judge who presided over every federal criminal prosecution in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

Very unfortunately, the pagan Donald Trump and his goose-stepping hordes make it very clear that they have zero interest the U.S. Constitution, except as it it allows them to get what they want.

On President Trump's watch, and on the watch of Republicans who voted for Trump in 2016, the Christian right took over the United States Supreme

Court, demolishing the Founding Fathers' determination not to allow America be run by religion, eg. Amendment 1.

Unlike all other judges in America, federal or state, United States Supreme Court justices serve for life, and they answer to no one, for any reason. They do not have to recuse in cases in which they have a conflict of interest.

A God-fearing political independent, I never will understand how any person voted for Trump in 2016, when what he was was in plain view for all to see. Especially, I will never understand how any woman, person or color, or Christian voted for Trump in 2016.

The people who voted for Trump in 2016 accepted the attending karma. By repudiating Trump after voting for him in 2016, they mitigated but did not fully resolve that karma.

In 2016, I published several times at my blog that Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton should be locked up in adjoining cells. I tell Democrats they have themselves to thank for Donald Trump being elected in 2016, because they ran the one Democrat he could beat. Republicans who voted for Trump in 2016 have yourselves to thank for him being president.

In Proverbs is said, "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

When people vote, they need to understand that God is watching, and they will be held accountable for their vote.

Jesus made that very clear in the Gospels, when he said, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

America can sink Saudi Arabia, oil cartels, Russia and Telsa, and help Earth live longer, by letting auto and truck manufacturers use patented tech that converts water into super cheap hydrogen fuel

Yesterday, another old codger I got to know somewhat online hauled a humongous American skeleton back out of its untidy closet, and I ruminated on my own personal and impersonal experiences with it.

My Two Senses

What Bob Graham Knew...



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Over the years I have followed much of what this great solon was trying to have us understand about the truth of 9/11.

Serving as both Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee and the 9/11 Commission Hearings Bob Graham was privy to information and national secrets that perhaps less than 100 Americans were aware of. Graham was filled with internal conflict in telling what he knew about 9/11.

Graham was a man who wanted to believe in the nation he served. He assumed his mission within the Senate to protect the United States from enemies foreign and domestic with all the dedication and effort required, but over time it became clear that his briefings were not about the truth, in fact he was being gaslighted, lied to and treated like

a useful idiot by the Bush administration and their allies in the Saudi Royal family.

Imagine yourself sitting in a hardened secret facility in the Capital designed for communications of the upmost secrecy. Information of such sensitivity that it could not be transmitted other than by person to person. In briefings in the tense days following 9/11 you are being told things such as Saddam Hussein being prepared to ignite a nuclear device off the coast of the United States. In hearing that, Graham asked the intelligence expert if this was solid and verified information. The response was an unequivocal yes.

In the rear view mirror of history we now know that there was no plan of this kind nor were there any WMDs be they nuclear, biological or chemical* that were in production or stockpiled for use against the U.S. or our armed forces in the region.

According to a Washington Post Poll in 2003:

Sixty-nine percent of Americans said they thought it at least likely that Hussein was involved in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, according to the latest Washington Post poll. That impression, which exists despite the fact that the hijackers were mostly Saudi nationals acting for al Qaeda, is broadly shared by Democrats, Republicans and independents.

According to a Pew Research Paper from 2023: Looking Back:

In the months leading up to the war, sizable majorities of Americans believed that Iraq either possessed WMD or was close to obtaining

them, that Iraq was closely tied to terrorism – and even that Hussein himself had a role in the 9/11 attacks. Two decades after the war began, a review of Pew Research Center surveys on the war in Iraq shows that support for U.S. military action was built, at least in part, on a foundation of falsehoods.

The Brookings Education Institute: 9/11 and Iraq: The making of a tragedy

President George W. Bush was **obsessed** with the Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein and **deliberately misled the American people about who was responsible for the 9/11 attack.**

Graham found the courage to find a way to share how members of the Bush White House had lied to him and by extension the American people. The array of false pretense included not only the run-up to the Iraq invasion, but perhaps more importantly insight on who actually planned and supported the 9/11 Attack on the WTC and the Pentagon. While we know that Saddam and his government had nothing to do with it, including any collusion with Osama Bin Laden or the Taliban, it is still likely that most Americans believe Hussein and Iraq perpetrated the 9/11 attacks.

Graham knew that using Saddam as a scapegoat gave cover the real culprits. The actual plotters and planners were in fact religious Muslim zealots of the Wahhabi sect within the Saudi Royal Family.

Wahhabism is virtually the state religion of the Saudi Royal Family and

we can assume that the plot was hardly the work of a lone wolf within that sect.

By way of a quick background: Wahhabism is to Islam what Evangelical Dominionist belief is to Christianity. Both are fundamentalists and literalist, seeking dominion over the world's religions. Both are misogynistic and both contend that violence in "protection" of the belief, especially against apostates, heretics and blasphemers is justifiable and sanctioned by Allah; or Jesus as the case may be. Both sects also dedicate huge amounts of money to increase the number of indoctrinated followers. In the case of the Saudis this is facilitated by creating Madrassas which are religious training schools throughout the Middle East, to insure that the young receive the proper doctrinal education. There are no other subjects taught in Madrassas.

In considering the truth about the 9/11 attack Graham became all too familiar with the sway that the Saudi Royal family held over the relationship that the Bush family (George Senior and Junior) both had with one Prince Bandar bin Sultan, who served as the Saudi ambassador to the United States from 1983 to 2005, "Bandar Bush" as he was affectionately known by the Bush clan was particularly close to George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush and considered an extended member of the family. Bandar often stayed at the Bush Texas Compound.

Less well known is that Bandar was also head of Saudi Intelligence for over 20 years prior to becoming ambassador to the United States.

That a foreign national with the vitae of Bandar was treated like an extended family member did not seem to trouble many Americans. Nor did the fact that after the 9/11 attack Bandar and several members of the bin Laden family were allowed to take special flights out of the United States under what is known as *Operation Yellow Ribbon*.

Graham was neither a religious bigot or zealot, but he had every right to be concerned in thinking about the ties between Saudis like Bandar, Wahhabi ideology and its dominant influence on the Saudi kingdom leading to 9/11. **Fifteen of the nineteen hijackers on 9/11 were Saudi Nationals.**

It's a shame that Graham never was able to expose the real story and who plotted the attacks. He was in a situation that by its nature was fraught with horrible choices to consider.

Nonetheless, we as a nation owe a deep thanks to a man who did what he could to serve the nation and its people in the best ways he could.

In conclusion we clearly owe a debt to the memory of Bob Graham for trying to enlighten us. Yet even if he had, the deeper question is what would have happened if he had proven that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, not Saddam Hussein was the instigator.

Sloan Bashinsky

So, what did Bob Graham actually know?

How was the third building that came down on 9/11 ever explained?

3 nights before 9/11, a familiar voice asked me in my sleep, "Will you make a prayer for a Divine Intervention for all of humanity?" I

woke up, wondered what that was about? I made the prayer. On 9/11, my concern was America would get into another foreign war like the one in Vietnam, which it could not win. It did not occur to me that America would get into two such wars.

About a week after 9/11, as I walked out of a U.S. Post Office, the same voice told me, "America needs to get out of the Middle East altogether and let Islam and Israel work it out or fight it out, and in that way learn if either are God's chosen people."

Riss Perot begged the 1st President Bush on Larry King Live not to save Kuwait from Iraq. Perot said it didn't matter who had Kuwait, its oil would be sold to America. About a week later, that President Bush said on national TV that he could not let the American way of life be threatened, and he formed a coalition of nations to rescue Kuwait.

At that point, it was not in the news that Saddam Hussien had polled the American ambassador re Iraq taking part of Kuwait, which Saddam felt actually was part of Iraq, and the ambassador said America had no position on that, and Saddam took that as a green light. Saddam was an American ally against Iran. He and President Bush knew each other when Bush was the CIA Director. Saddam felt set up.

The coalition infidel troops staged in Saudi Arabia, Islam's most holy land, which really pissed off Osama bin Laden, who had offered to bring his army from Afghanistan, which had defeated the Soviet Union with the infidel America's help, to drive Hussein's army out of Kuwait. The Saudis turned down bin Laden, which infuriated him even more.

Saddam tried to get that President Bush killed.

All that was stuck in the 2nd President Bush's craw when he was elected in 2000, with great help from the U.S. Supreme Court.

I read an open letter to America from Osama bin Laden online, in which he told Americans their president was easy to bait, and they need to replace him. As it turned out, he was in Pakistan while American and other nations' troops were waging war in Afghanistan because the Bushes thought he was there.

I watched the 2nd President Bush and VP Cheney and Secretary of State Colin Powell invent Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. What Iraq had was lots of oil and mineral resources, which American industry, including and Cheney's company, Halliburton, wanted.

American industry, including Halliburton, also wanted Afghanistan's mineral resources, and Haliburton wanted to build a natural gas pipeline from the Persian Gulf through Afghanistan to the natural gas fields east of Afghanistan.

The 2nd president Bush gave up trying to find bin Laden, but he did not end the war in Afghanistan, and he lost the war in Iraq, after he and his father got Islam to declare war on America.

After accepting the Nobel Prize for Peace, President Obama continued the two Bush wars.

After he was elected in 2016, Donald Trump said on national TV that the mineral resources of Afghanistan and Iraq should be monetized to repay America for those two wars.

President Biden got America out of Afghanistan and was crucified by the American right.

President Biden has come very close to aiding Israel to start World War III.

I found photos on line of Baby Bush and Obama bowing to the Saudi King and Trump bowing to the Saudi Prince to be king, who had a Saudi journalist sawed up into little pieces for writing stuff

about the Saudi prince, which he didn't like. Before he was president, Trump was financially bailed out twice by a Saudi businessman, and after Trump lost in 2016, he started making a lot of money off of Saudis via his golf courses and hotels. If I were president, I would cut Israel loose and pull my land, sea and air troops out of the Middle East, and I would let the people of the Middle East work it out or fight it out.

I would get the U.S. Department of Justice to round up for me patents in the U.S. Patent Office for a device designed for internal combustion engines in cars and trucks. The device uses electrolysis to extract hydrogen from water. A sedan can go several hundred miles on a gallon of water. The device was road-tested by automobile manufacturers, who were ready to produce such engines if America was on board.

I learned of the patents from my friend Bob, who does the tech work for my books at the free internet library, archive.org, and The Redneck Mystic Lawyer Podcast. Bob is a mechanic who can take apart, repair, and put back together cars, trucks, tractors and motorcycles. He said the device can be installed in existing engines and in new engines. The device would do away with electric cars, trucks, etc., which require huge batteries, weighing thousands of pounds, and become toxic waste when they wear out.

Such cars and trucks would put Saudi Arabia, the oil cartels, Russia and the American oil industry out of business, and would help the planet, upon which all of humanity depends for its very survival, to live a lot longer.

For the first time in his life, rich white spoiled New York brat Donald Trump can't shoot off his mouth- will he shit his pants, go batshit crazy, explode in the Manhattan courtroom?



mug shot

Raised with a silver spoon in my mouth, I have an insider perspective of rich white spoiled brats.

Yesterday, I told my friend Bob, who does the tech work for my books at the free internet library, archive.org, that Donald Trump's criminal fraud trial in New York state court in Manhattan is the first time in his life that he has not been in control.

He is in a pressure cooker, in his home state, where he is well known.

The pressure is building.

Will he shit his pants?

"Oh my God, Trump just shit his pants"

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CFf2cCWF1lh/?hl=en>

"Mister Trump and his diaper problems"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnK164efOB0>

Will he explode?

Photos cannot be taken in New York courts.

I saw on TV news last night that Trump complained about the sketch artist.

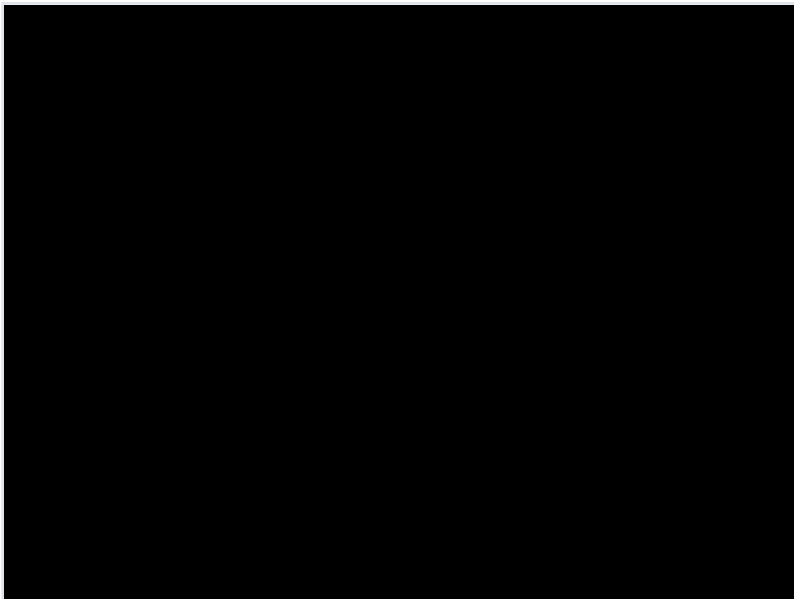
This in my Apple Newsfeed this morning is followed by my former federal judge law clerk and practicing attorney rumination:

Trump was unhinged during first week of hush money trial. He'll only get weirder.

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With cameras banned in
New York courtrooms,
sketch artists are providing
America with a glimpse into
the first e...



For perhaps the first time in his life, Donald Trump had to spend a week shutting up.

There was one place he had to be – a Manhattan criminal courtroom – and he couldn't come and go as he pleased. He couldn't talk. He couldn't send inflammatory social media posts from his phone.

He just had to sit there and listen as “the people of the state of New York vs. Donald J. Trump” began and jurors were selected to decide whether the former president falsified business records as part of a scheme to silence a former adult-film star and influence the 2016 presidential election.

Tough-guy Trump sure did a lot of bellyaching his first week on trial

Trump was clearly shocked to learn standing trial on criminal charges comes with certain inconveniences.

He griped outside the courtroom. He whined on social media in the evenings. He reportedly dozed off several times during the proceedings, a sign the stress of the trial might be keeping him up at night.

As the avatar of a purportedly tough political party that labels liberals “snowflakes,” Trump seemed less John Wayne and more “Ross from ‘Friends.’ ”

If Trump seemed bananas during jury selection, wait until opening arguments.

By the end of the week, a full jury along with alternates had been seated, so opening arguments are expected to begin Monday.

And Trump will again have to be there. He’ll have to be in that courtroom every day of the trial because that’s how it works when you’re the defendant in a criminal case in Manhattan.

Trump didn’t want to be there, he should’ve thought twice about paying \$130,000 to Stormy Daniels, according to his former attorney Michael Cohen, along with several other alleged actions that led to his 34-count indictment. An excellent way to stay out of a courtroom is to not engage in dodgy behavior.

But what’s done is done.

Trump lied about not being able to attend his son's graduation

Trump got the ball rolling by lying to his followers and saying Judge Juan Merchan was forbidding him from attending his son Barron’s high school graduation next month. That is false. The judge said he would have to see how the trial is going at that point and will rule on it closer to the date.

But Trump moaned on social media: “Who will explain for me, to my wonderful son, Barron, who is a GREAT Student at a fantastic School, that his Dad will likely not be allowed to attend his Graduation Ceremony, something that we have been talking about for years, because a seriously Conflicted and Corrupt New York State Judge wants me in Criminal Court on a bogus 'Biden Case' which, according to virtually all Legal Scholars and Pundits, has no merit, and should NEVER have been brought.”

I'd be happy to explain it: “Barron, your father is on trial and accused of attempting to silence an adult-film star he allegedly had an affair with shortly after you were born and hid potentially scandalous information from voters before the 2016 election. The judge will decide closer to your graduation date if your father can attend.”

Easy peasy!

He made up images of himself bursting out of the courtroom in a rage.

Beyond that, Trump hurled inflammatory Truth Social posts calling the whole trial “a SCAM brought about by a Corrupt District Attorney” and the judge and prosecutors “Nasty, Crooked People.”

“I JUST STORMED OUT OF COURT!” (he hadn't) and made up nonsense about the jury selection process to make himself seem like a victim, posting: “I thought STRIKES were supposed to be ‘unlimited’ when we were picking our jury? I was then told we only had 10.”

Each side is allowed to strike 10 jurors without providing a reason. That's standard and has never changed.

Trump also potentially violated his gag order by sharing the following quote from Fox News host Jesse Watters on his Truth Social page: “‘They are catching undercover Liberal Activists lying to the Judge in order to get on the Trump Jury,’ Jesse Watters.” That is, of course, nonsense.

And then there was that weird bit about Jimmy Kimmel ...

And while all of the above is amply nutso, at no point last week did the cheese seem to slip off Trump's cracker more than in this bizarro-world Wednesday night post about late-night host Jimmy Kimmel:

“Stupid Jimmy Kimmel, who still hasn't recovered from his horrendous performance and big ratings drop as Host of The Academy Awards, especially when he showed he suffered from TDS, commonly known as TRUMP DERANGEMENT SYNDROME, to the entire World by reading on air my TRUTH about how bad a job he was doing that night, right before he stumbled through announcing the biggest award of all, 'Picture of the Year.' It was a CLASSIC CHOKE, one of the biggest ever in show business, and to top it off, he forgot to say the famous and mandatory line, 'AND THE WINNER IS.' Instead he stammered around as he opened the envelope. Supposedly his wife, and even management, begged him not to do it, 'DON'T READ HIS TRUTH, JIMMY, PLEASE DON'T DO THIS,' they said. He was made to look like a FOOL, which he is, and at the same time go down in Television History as the WORST HOST EVER OF THE ONCE VAUNTED ACADEMY AWARDS!”

First off, Trump was confusing Kimmel with Al Pacino, the actor who handed out the best picture award. But more importantly: WOW! That's your presidential nominee, Republicans. He's on trial, he's unhinged and he's coming unglued.

If the past week was any indication, America is going to swiftly run out of synonyms for “bonkers.”

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After graduating from the University of Alabama School of law in 1968, I clerked for a federal judge in Birmingham, Alabama, who presided over every federal prosecution in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. I watched many federal prosecutions and sat in my judge's chambers listening to him, prosecutors and defense lawyers discuss jury trials over which he presided.

If Trump's lawyers are worth their salt, they told him that he has to speak only to them in court. They told him not to violate the judge's gag order: that he not intimidate or threaten witnesses, jurors, prosecutors and their staff and their families, and the judge and his staff and their families.

If Trump's lawyers are worth their salt, they told him if he ignores the judge's gag order, the judge can hold him in contempt and put him in jail until he agrees to behave. They told him, if the judge lets him out of jail and back in the courtroom, and he violates the gag order again, the judge can put him in jail and keep him there until hell freezes over.

Along the way, the 12 seated jurors and 6 alternate jurors will watch Trump very closely in the courtroom. Juries do that. They size up the accused. They size up the accused's lawyers. They size up the prosecutors. They size up the judge. They size up the witnesses.

After all the evidence is in, the jury hears the prosecutors and the defense attorneys' closing arguments. **The jury is instructed by the judge on the law. The jury retires and deliberates and decides the defendant's fate.**

The verdict for conviction must be unanimous. One juror against conviction can hang a jury. If the jury hangs, the prosecutor has to decide whether to retry the defendant or move on to something else.

Two of the twelve seated jurors are lawyers.

In my experience, lawyers routinely were stuck from juries by one side or the other. That there are two lawyers on this jury is unprecedented, cosmic even. I think the lay jurors will rely heavily on the two lawyer jurors to understand what the law is, and the lay jurors will rely on themselves to decide what the facts are.

If the jury acquits or hangs, Trump wins- if he has not shit his pants, gone stark raving mad, had a fatal or disabling heart attack, stroke, etc.

America Christians' dilemma: their savior was homeless



Matthew 8:20

“Foxes have dens and birds have nests,
but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

I mostly was homeless from mid 2000-2005, because I ran out of money and was not able to make a living wage at what I knew how to do: practice law and write.

I slept on the ground, on sidewalks, in doorways, on piers and beaches, in church backyards on Maui and then in Key West. I slept in a friend's old camper on his land in Key West. I slept in a tent on a friends' land in Key West and in Helen, Georgia. I slept in the homes of friends in Key West, Helen, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Birmingham, Alabama. I lived in an apartment in Birmingham rented by a woman I had met and was in love with, and then I lived in her apartment in Helen. I lived in the Brother Bryan Mission in Birmingham. When sometimes I had money via a Christmas gift my father gave to his children, I rented an apartment until I ran out of money. When I got another Christmas gift, I slept in a Youth hostel in Key West. I slept in a tent twice in tents in the woods in Key West. I slept lots more nights on the ground in Key West.

During that time, I came to know a young lawyer named Sam Kaufman, who today is a Key West city commissioner. We met at the request of homeless men I had gotten to know well, who found out I had practiced law and wanted me to bring a lawsuit for them in the federal courthouse in Key

West, to stop the city from enforcing its open container alcoholic beverages law only against homeless people. When Sam asked me what I thought about the case, I said I felt the city could not enforce the law only against homeless people, but I could not ask a federal judge to rule homeless people had a constitutional right to drink themselves to death. Sam decided not to take the case.

Regardless of what some people might think or feel, regardless of political correctness, compassion, my experience in Maui and in Key West was 95 percent of people living on the street were booze addicts, and where they would get their next drink was the most important thing to them. If they had food stamp cards, they sold them at discount to people who did not live on the street, who used the cards to buy groceries. As time passed, I saw some homeless people using the street drug “spice” to their menu. I saw homeless people have violent physical and psychotic spasms after taking “spice”.

In 2003, I lived several months in the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition shelter in Key West. Sam Kaufman was FKOC’s chairman of the board and the CEO was a Catholic Priest named Father Stephen Braddock, whom I also got to know. FKOC required its clients to be clean, and random booze and drug tests were given. We had to attend 12-Step programs daily and get attendance sheets signed by people leading the meetings. The angels running me applied the 12 Steps to me, and it was no darn fun at all, and it taught me the 12 Steps are a true spiritual path. I observed that FKOC’s clients had a high relapse rate. I still drank some beer back then, when I could afford it, but not when I was in the FKOC program.

A homeless man, who had a tent in the woods near the Key West airport, where I also had a tent, explained his job to me. About 10 p.m. each night, he rode his bicycle into Key West and roamed the streets and side streets looking for pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and cigarette butts on the ground. Beer money and tobacco for rolling his own cigarettes. Around 3 a.m., he did it again.

Another homeless man I knew, who lived in a tent, was approached by his childhood friends, who invited him to come home with them, they would get him a place to live, get him a job, get him back on his feet. They asked me what I thought? I said it was a good gesture, but he might not go for it. He went with them, had a great time, then told them he wanted to go back to Key West.

In 2004, Sam Kaufman and I convinced the Key West City Commission that if they did not stop having their police arrest homeless people for sleeping outside at night, we would put them in federal court in Key West under the *Pottinger v. Miami* case, in which a federal judge had ruled the City of Miami could not use its police to try to run homeless people out of the city by arresting and jailing them for life-sustaining activities, such as sleeping and cooking food outside. The *Pottinger* court ruled prohibiting those life-sustaining activities was cruel and unusual punishment prohibited by Amendment 8, U.S. Constitution. Sam would bring a class action in the Key West federal court, which was in the same federal district as the federal court in the *Pottinger* case, and I would be one of the named plaintiffs.

That led to the Key West City Commission building an overnight homeless shelter on Stock Island, named KOTS, next to the Monroe County Sheriff Department and Detention Center. At different stretches of times, I slept nights in KOTS. Eventually, I was banned for life from KOTS, because of what I wrote on at my goodmorningkeywest.com blog about KOTS and the people running it, and because the people running KOTS said I threatened to kill homeless people at my blog. What I wrote was i thought long term homeless addicts would be better off dead, than continuing to use and be homeless.

Twice I attended homeless conferences in Key West.

The first conference, 2014 perhaps, was sponsored by the city and county governments. There was a great deal of talk, but nobody had any solutions, because there were no solutions. I recommended Key West build

its own drunk tank and put its homeless addicts in there to cool off, instead of put them in the Sheriff's jail or the local hospital on Stock Island. Seemed sensible to me, but not to anyone else.

The next homeless conference, 2015 perhaps, was sponsored by FKOC and a public service law firm on the Florida mainland. One man on the panel of homeless experts said he was a lawyer who was homeless. The other panelists had never been homeless. Their pitch was "housing first". Put homeless people into free housing, then help them turn their lives around. I told them FKOC was already doing that for homeless people who weren't using their drug of choice. But as for the city and county government building new housing, there was no available land for it, and the scarce land that the state government allowed new building permits was out-of-sight expensive and gobbled up by real estate developers. I said putting addicts in free housing would not work out well for the landlords. I did not ask the panel of experts why they had not done their homework?

By and by, the federal court in Miami dismissed the *Pottinger* case, because there was no longer any need for it in Miami, which had tried the housing first approach, and it had not worked. Same had happened in Salt Lake City. And in other cities.

By the time I left Key West in 2018, the city's police were using its no camping ordinance to prevent homeless people from sitting or lying on towels or blankets on the ground, although tourists were allowed to do that the city's beaches. Homeless people were being arrested for hanging out around shopping centers. Homeless people banned for life from the city's homeless shelter were being arrested and put in the sheriff's jail. His jail was the city's second homeless shelter, for which the city paid nothing.

In that context, I read online yesterday that the United States Supreme Court has accepted a case arising out of Grants Pass, Oregon, which looks to me a lot like the *Pottinger* case. I have no clue how SOTUS will rule, but however it rules, it will not solve the growing homeless roles in America.

Perhaps the Christian Justices will consider that they think the most famous homeless person in world history saved them- Jesus.

Below is a comprehensive article about that case, which covers the basics, but offers no solution, because there is no solution. As for me, but for inheritance from my father, I would be homeless, or dead.

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Supreme Court to hear case on criminal penalties for homelessness



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Grants Pass, Ore. has enforced ordinances that bar the use of blankets, pillows, and even cardboard boxes while sleeping within the city. (Manuela Durson via Shutterstock)

The Supreme Court will hear oral argument on Monday in a case that one legal expert has called the “most important Supreme Court case about homelessness in at least 40 years.” The issue before the court is the constitutionality of ordinances in an Oregon town that bar people who are homeless from using blankets, pillows, or cardboard boxes for protection from the elements while sleeping within the city limits. Defending the ordinances, the city contends that the laws simply bar camping on public property by everyone. But the challengers in the case counter that the ordinances effectively make it a crime to be homeless in the city.

The court's ruling could have a significant impact not only in the small city of Grants Pass, Oregon, whose ordinances are being challenged, but in cities across the United States, where similar laws have proliferated. The "camping ban" model of legislation has been adopted more widely in recent years as state and local governments try to grapple with double-digit increases in the number of people who are homeless. **Data released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development indicated** that more than 600,000 people in the United States were homeless on a single night in 2023.

The dispute before the court on Monday comes to the justices from Grants Pass, a city of just under 40,000 people in southwestern Oregon. With a vacancy rate of one percent and essentially no affordable housing, the city has as many as 600 people experiencing homelessness. The chief operating officer of a nonprofit in the county where the city is located that serves people who are homeless said in a declaration submitted in the case that almost all of the people who are homeless and live in the city do so involuntarily. "There is simply no place in Grants Pass for them to find affordable housing or shelter. They are not choosing to live on the street or in the woods," the nonprofit COO said.

At a 2013 city council meeting to discuss possible solutions to the city's homelessness problem, the city council president suggesting "mak[ing] it uncomfortable enough for [homeless people] in our city so they will want to move on down the road." The city decided to increase enforcement of ordinances that bar the use of blankets, pillows, and even cardboard boxes while sleeping within the city.

The ordinances impose a \$295 fine for violations; the fine increases to \$537.60 if it is not paid. After two citations, police in Grants Pass can issue an order that bans the individual from city property; a violation of that order exposes the individual to a conviction on criminal trespass

charges, which carry penalties of up to 30 days in jail and a \$1250 fine.

In 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled in *Martin v. City of Boise* that the Eighth Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment bars the imposition of criminal penalties for sitting or sleeping outside by people experiencing homelessness who do not have access to shelter.

Shortly after the court's ruling in the Boise case, John Logan and Gloria Johnson (along with Debra Blake, who has since died) went to federal court in Oregon to challenge the constitutionality of the Grants Pass ordinances on their own behalf and on behalf of others who are involuntarily homeless in Grants Pass. Logan has been homeless at times in the city for over a decade and has sometimes slept in his truck outside the city so that he was not ticketed and fined for sleeping in the truck in the city. After she was evicted and could not find other housing that she could afford, Johnson slept in her van, where the ordinances were enforced against her on "dozens of occasions."

A federal district court issued a permanent injunction that barred the city from enforcing the ordinances at all at night and under some circumstances during the day. Relying on the Martin case, a three-judge 9th Circuit panel upheld that ruling; the full court of appeals denied the city's request to rehear the case by a vote of 14-13. The city came to the Supreme Court, which agreed earlier this year to weigh in.

In its brief at the Supreme Court, the city insists that the Eighth Amendment regulates cruel and unusual methods of punishment; it does not regulate the substance of criminal offenses. "Modest" punishments like fines and short jail terms are not cruel and unusual, the city argues. The Eighth Amendment, the city contends, was modeled on the English Declaration of Rights, which was in turn "a

reaction to cruel sentencing practices under King James II.” Indeed, the city notes, the amendment’s ban on “excessive fines” in another clause indicates that fines may be imposed – they simply may not be excessive. Otherwise, the excessive fines clause would not be necessary.

In 1962, in *Robinson v. California*, the city continues, the Supreme Court held that the Eighth Amendment’s ban on cruel and unusual punishment prohibited the state from making it a crime simply to be a drug addict in California, even if there was no proof that the defendant had ever used drugs in the state. That is, it barred the criminalization of status (being a drug addict), but not conduct (possession or use of drugs). But, the city notes, the court explained that the state could still make it a crime for addicts to engage in conduct related to drugs – buying, selling, using, or possessing them.

The court of appeals, the city argues, wrongly “stretched *Robinson*’s narrow holding that” the cruel and unusual punishments clause “forbade punishing a particular status, decoupled from any conduct, into a sweeping constitutional rule that prohibits any punishment for purportedly involuntary acts that flow from a status.” But, the city contends, its ordinances pass muster under *Robinson* because they do not make it a crime to be homeless in the city. Instead, they only apply when someone has committed an affirmative act that “society has an interest in preventing” – in this case, “occupying a campsite on public property.”

The city tells the justices that the 9th Circuit’s rulings in the Boise case and this one “have proved practically unworkable.” “The lack of constitutional foundation” for the decisions, it contends, “has thrust federal courts into the inappropriate role of legislating homelessness policy and yielded a host of complex rules that micromanage local governments on that pressing issue.” The city cites the difficulty of determining, for example, whether someone who is experiencing

homelessness is doing so voluntarily – for example, whether someone has declined to stay in a shelter because her dog would not be able to stay with her – as well as the difficulty of determining how many beds are available each night and how many people need shelter. As a result, the city cautions, encampments of people who are homeless “have multiplied unchecked throughout the West because generally applicable restrictions on public camping no longer play their critical deterrent role, resulting in spikes in violent crime, drug overdoses, disease, fires, and hazardous waste.”

The challengers push back sharply against the city’s characterization of the ordinances at the center of the dispute and, by extension, the question before the justices. Although the ordinances “nominally prohibit camping,” they concede, the weather in Grants Pass is cold and rainy, so that anyone who does not have access to shelter must have a blanket to survive. As a result, they say, the real question before the court is whether the ordinances violate the Eighth Amendment’s ban on cruel and unusual punishment “by inflicting punishment on the City’s homeless residents for simply existing in the community without access to shelter.”

The court of appeals was correct, the challengers tell the justices, in holding that the answer to that question is “yes.” The Supreme Court’s ruling in *Robinson* easily disposes of this case, the challengers contend, because – just like the state law in *Robinson* – the city’s ordinances punish people who are involuntarily homeless based on their status.

Nothing about the lower court’s ruling, the challengers maintain, infringes on the city’s power to address the problem of homelessness. Indeed, they say, the district court acknowledged that the city retains the “broad power” to do so, “including whether to offer shelter options or other social services, whether to restrict when and where homeless residents may sleep, and whether to prohibit tents and clear

encampments.” The city can also continue to enforce its health and safety laws, including laws that restrict litter, bar the obstruction of roads, and prohibit the possession of drugs. “But just as California crossed the constitutional line when it criminalized simply being in the state while having a narcotic addiction,” the challengers emphasize, “punishing people for existing in the community without shelter is cruel, unusual, and impermissible under the Punishments Clause.”

The \$295 fine per violation increases to over \$500 when not paid – which, the challengers say, is “devastating,” particularly when the increase is almost an inevitability when someone is already experiencing homelessness because they cannot afford shelter. Police can fine someone experiencing homelessness repeatedly in a short period of time: Debra Blake, one of the original plaintiffs in this case, was fined three times in one morning and, by March 2020, owed more than \$5,000 in fines. Such a scheme can perpetuate a “cycle of homelessness and poverty,” the challengers add. And when people experiencing homelessness accrue unpaid fines, those fines can lead to the suspension of their driver’s licenses and lower credit scores, which can in turn make it more difficult for them to obtain jobs and housing.

In a “friend of the court” brief, the Biden administration agrees that the core of the 9th Circuit’s decision in the Boise case is sound. Cities, U.S. Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar writes, cannot make it a crime for people experiencing homelessness who do not have access to shelter to reside within their limits at all. However, Prelogar stresses, cities can enforce restrictions to ensure the health and safety of their residents, including by prohibiting tents, stoves, and fires in public spaces and by closing encampments.

At the same time, the Biden administration parts ways with the challengers by arguing that the principle outlined in *Robinson* requires an individualized inquiry into the specific circumstances of someone

who is homeless. It is not enough, the Biden administration suggests, for courts to conclude that someone is involuntarily homeless and therefore cannot be charged with violating the ordinances simply based on the ratio of people experiencing homelessness to the number of beds available in shelters. Such an approach, the Biden administration posits, “would alleviate many of the practical concerns that” the city and its supporters “have expressed about the effects of the court of appeals’ decision in *Martin* and this case.”

Postscript:

Texts with an old amiga after she read all of the above:

Her

Your article today was very said. Heartbreaking.

Me

That was the summary. The full Monty might sink several ships.

Her

??????? very said

Me

It was a major part of my life, it changed my perspective of many things. It enriched my life. I don't want to do it again.

Her

I understand, we were extremely poor growing up. 12th grade, I had two dresses and one pair of shoes. My father hardly worked, we thought he was lazy. He died at 46, so he was sick. All of us kids had a drive in us to make something of our lives and did not live like we did growing up. In a way I am thankful of my poor life because I am generous but don't have advantage taken of me and my heart hurts for poor poor and homeless. I thank God down to a piece of bread. I can't imagine people homeless. USA has our priorities wrong place. Look at

how much sports take in. A lot of people could be helped and academics. Kids could get a better education. Don't get me started on churches. Every penny they take in they don't give back out should be taxed.

Me

Give them what for 😏

You are a bogey.

Her

lol

You are too funny.

my homeless wife's eulogy was completed Easter Sunday 2022



Dreams last night suggested a sequel to the *America Christians'* dilemma: their savior was homeless post, by reminding me of a woman, who, after hearing some of my stories at a bridge club where I played several days a week, asked how many times I was married? I asked her back, "Are you sure you want to open that box, Pandora?" She said, "Yes." I said, "Eight." She looked like she might need oxygen.

The dreams also reminded me of Number 8, my homeless cowgirl in Key West. whose eulogy was completed Easter Sunday 2022.

Street Law and the reluctant shaman Kari Dangler



Matthew 8:19–20 *Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”*

It occurred to me that the rape prosecution I successfully defended in the early 1970s, with the help of an inexperienced judge and an inexperienced assistant prosecutor, perhaps came back around in the late fall of 2015, in Key West.

Most, but not, all of what follows, was reported on my blog, goodmorningkeywest.com, which died and went to heaven, or somewhere, in early 2017, and was replaced by afoolsworkeverends.blogspot.com.

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Riding my bicycle through Bayview Park one morning, I noticed an attractive fifty-ish woman sitting on a towel on the ground against the chain link fence that enclosed part of the basketball court. She had a daypack. I had not seen her before. She looked homeless. I kept going.

The next day, she was there again. I stopped, told her my name. She told me her name. Kari Dangler. I asked how long she'd been homeless? She asked why I thought she was homeless? I said I had been homeless in Key West and I knew what homeless people look like. She said she hadn't been homeless long. I said she wasn't supposed to be homeless, something was wrong.

I was renting a room in the home of a friend and was running out of money, again, and was eating at the local soup kitchen each afternoon to save money. That same afternoon, I saw Kari at the soup kitchen sitting at a picnic table with a few other homeless people. There was an empty seat at the table and I asked if I could join them? Kari said, yes. That became a daily ritual.



at Key West soup kitchen

One day at the soup kitchen, a homeless man started frothing at the mouth and went into convulsions and fell to the ground writhing. Kari and the other homeless people at the picnic table said the fellow had taken “spice”. I asked what that was? They said it was making the rounds in Key West, and not just among homeless people, and was very dangerous.

Kari said she’d never used spice and her drug of choice was vodka. She smoked cigarettes. My mother smoked two packs of Pall Malls a day since age 15, to rebel against her Puritan parents, she told me.

She got up each morning drinking screwdrivers - orange juice and vodka - and went to bed drinking them. My father, too.

My mother cured me of smoking even one cigarette. She died of lung cancer during my 2nd year of law school. By the time I met Kari, I was intolerant to any form of alcoholic beverage. One glass of red wine at dinner caused my gut to scream in a few hours and my liver to scream even louder the next day.

Eventually, I would wonder if Kari was a chance for me to work through unresolved issues with my mother, especially? Before that crystal ball arrived, I found myself attracted to her.

Kari could be funny as hell.

She had been around, clearly. I had no clue just how much around. Walking to our bicycles after lunch at the soup kitchen one afternoon, I said that I wondered what it would be like to be in a bed with her?

Kari said she once had a nickname for a job - Cowgirl.

Cowgirl?

Yes, an escort

No shit?

No shit.

Kari said it was the idea of the fellow she had lived with on Key Largo.

She had business cards made with her name, Cowgirl, and phone number. They put the word out. Lonely older men on Key Largo and down to the middle Florida Keys called and her boyfriend drove her to their home, since Kari usually was too full of vodka to drive. Kari said the older, lonely men wanted to pay her \$1,000 to talk, and when she offered to take off her clothes, they said they just wanted someone to talk with.

A call came when Kari's boyfriend had something else to do, and Kari drove herself to the client's home in Islamorada. (My father had owned a home in Islamorada from 1963-2001.) Kari got there, hung out with the client for a few hours, got paid, then drove back to Key Largo home and got arrested for D.U.I. by a sheriff deputy. Kari was taken to the jail on Plantation Key. Some of her Cowgirl cards were on the car console and one was mailed to her mother by someone. Kari lost her driver's license.

Kari told me a lot about her growing up in Missouri, and afterward. For the first few years of her life, she thought her grandparents were her parents and her mother was her older sister. Her grandmother told her she was distantly descended from Jesse James.

At age five, Kari was kicked in the face by a horse in their pasture, and somehow survived that.

When Kari was eleven, she baby sat some neighbors' small child, whose older brother took off Kari's clothes and licked her private parts. Just afterward, the parents returned home. The father wrote Kari a

\$5,000 check to say nothing. She declined the check and fled home and told no one.

Kari's mother and her stepfather she came to view as her father, raised quarter horses and competed in rodeos and won often. Kari became a high school rodeo champion. She was a star on her high school basketball team. She was president of her high school student body.

After one rodeo, a Native American elder approached Kari and said he was impressed at how she and her horse were one. He told her he was a shaman, and they met some times and he told her what it was like to be a shaman, including he was celibate. He taught her some shaman rituals.

Kari got caught smoking cigarettes and was kicked off the high school basketball team. She got caught drinking liquor and lost her college scholarship.

Kari ran with cowboys and cowgirls. She had sex with some cowboys. Kari started dating a proper fellow and they didn't have sex because they wanted to save it for when they got married. There was a big wedding, bridesmaids, etc. They went to his home afterward and got undressed and that's when she learned he had a defective penis and could not have sexual intercourse with her, despite them trying for several years.

The inevitable infidelity and divorce came.

Kari took up with a back US Army combat veteran, whom she loved. She got pregnant. Pressured by her parents, she got an abortion and took it very hard.

Kari took art courses in a local college and drew people's portraits and made a living at that. She saw her subjects' auras. She sometimes saw things in the auras that disturbed her.

Kari saw in the aura of a good friend she was drawing, that the friend was really sick and needed to see a doctor. Kari did not tell her friend, who soon died. Kari was freaked out and gave up her art.

Kari met a fellow named David Dangler, passing through in a motorhome. He told her about his nice home in Orlando and his Mercedes.

Kari's parents liked the motor home. David asked them how much cash they had to spare? They said something like \$35,000. He sold it to them for that sum. Soon after, the motorhome fell apart. By then, Kari had moved to Orlando with David, whose Mercedes was quite old and his nice home was in the low rent district. But she loved him, and she liked Florida a lot better than she liked Missouri.



Kari was David's trophy wife. They went out drinking a lot. David traveled a lot to disaster areas, getting paid by FEMA to help provide housing for disaster victims.

Kari got pregnant. Baby girl Loni arrived when David was working in California. Kari was very sick from a rough delivery. She was not producing breast milk. She was too weak to get out of bed and get to Loni's crib.

Kari's mother was en route to see her new granddaughter. She couldn't get anyone to come to the door. She got help, they broke in and found Kari and Loni just in the nick of time to save them both.

Kari's father wanted to kill David.

Kari then got a sense that David was ripping off FEMA and said something to him about that. David drove Kari to Key Largo and dumped her on US 1 with a few dollars, and left.

Perhaps an angel had a man meet Kari and take her to his home, where she would become his girlfriend and look after him and his crippled son? That is not a ridiculous query. When I knew Kari in Key West, she reported quite a few times that angels just showed up in front of her and told her something about herself.

David Dangler went for full custody of Loni, based on Kari's drinking. A child therapist testified in the Plantation Key courthouse that Loni had used anatomical dolls to show what David was doing with her when they took showers together. The Plantation Key judge gave David full custody. (In Alabama, a judge would have given Loni to Family Services.)

Kari went to rehab, dried out, and then attended AA meetings on Key Largo. In time, she was leading AA meetings.

Kari had supervised visitation with Loni, it was a long drive to central Florida.

David disappeared with Loni, to where Kari knew not.

Losing Loni unhinged Kari, she started drinking again.

It got in the news that David was charged with ripping FEMA off for more than \$30 million, after Hurricane Katrina smacked New Orleans. It was thought David fled to Honduras, where he eventually died. Kari heard David was killed. She heard he committed suicide. Kari felt cheated, David was the only person she ever wanted to shoot.

Kari and her Key Largo boyfriend took in a local fisherman, who had lost his son and was having a very rough go. He was supposed to pay rent with fresh fish, but he seldom did and he drank a lot.

One evening, the fisherman hid Kari's bottle of vodka, which really got her worked up. He got into it, arguing with Kari's boyfriend in the kitchen, and yanked the refrigerator door nearly off its hinges.

The boyfriend was unable to get the fisherman to behave and went somewhere else in the house. Kari went into her and her boyfriend's bedroom and got his Colt Python revolver, which was not loaded. She called 911, but when the dispatcher came on the line, Kari hung up. Kari went to the kitchen and waved the gun at the fisherman and told him to leave the house. He went outside and Kari saw a sheriff cruiser coming and she went back inside.

Two deputies heard the fisherman's story about being threatened with a gun. They asked Kari's boyfriend if he knew anything about that? He said, no. They went with him to the bedroom to get the gun, where Kari had returned it.

The deputies asked Kari if she had threatened the fisherman with the gun? She said she had waved it at him, because he was drunk out of control, had argued violently with her boyfriend, and had wrecked the refrigerator door.

(In Alabama, people could use lethal force to defend where they live. In another part of Florida, a white guy named George Zimmerman had shot and killed a black kid he was stalking, after the black kid jumped Zimmerman and he suddenly feared for his life and shot in self defense and was acquitted by a jury.)

The deputies told Kari there was an empty shell in the gun. Kari said she had used the gun some time before to shoot at a loud frog in the swimming pool behind the house.

The deputies told the drunk tenant to sleep it off that night in his car in the home's driveway, and to leave and come back to the house to pick up his belongings only after making arrangements with the house owner.

The deputies charged Kari with aggravated assault, while intoxicated, and with discharging a firearm in the city limits. They took Kari to the Plantation Key jail, from which she was transported to the sheriff's very large main jail on Stock Island, the next island above Key West.



mug shot after attempting to defend boyfriend's home
Shortly afterward, Kari's boyfriend and his crippled son died about a week or two apart. Kari had no home. She was homeless.
Kari was appointed an assistant public defender based on Plantation Key, who himself had gotten outed in the local newspapers for getting drunk at a party and getting in his car and driving it on US 1 and losing control and plunging into the mangroves and the ocean. His lawyers were using every trick in the book to stall and get him off. Kari was apprised of that by her mother, who had googled the assistant public defender online.

The assistant public defender leaned hard on Kari to plead guilty and get put on probation, when he himself should have been prosecuted for wantonly driving his car on US 1 and putting everyone else on the road at mortal risk - aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
Kari took a plea and was put on probation. A condition of her probation was that she not drink alcohol. She was released from the jail on Stock Island, to be homeless in Key West. She slept nights in the homeless shelter next to the Sheriff's jail.

She did volunteer work at the shelter, washing towels and sheets. Then, she was banned from the shelter for life. Right after that, I met her in Bayview Park. She was sleeping nights on the ground somewhere she hoped city police would not find her. Homeless people called where they slept nights outside, their hidey hole, and they didn't tell anyone where it was.

Kari told me she had caught scabies from towels or sheets at the shelter and she was given a cream containing ivermectin to treat it. Kari said the shelter didn't want to impose social distancing. Nor did the shelter want publicity about scabies.

Kari and I spent a few nights in a motel.

Kari's probation was violated by her probation officer, because she was drinking vodka and failed a pee test.

I started itching all over my body and went to a dermatologist who diagnosed scabies and prescribed me the same ivermectin cream, which would take care of it in time. The doctor told me Kari had scabies, too, and the jail should treat her for it. Kari was in the jail

infirmary and heard medical staff and the infirmary doctor decide not to treat her for scabies, because if they did, I would report it on my blog. I reported all of that on my blog.

Kari often reported thinking about me and suddenly having an orgasm while she was surrounded by female inmates. Kari reported dreaming nearly every night of she and I having mad passionate sex. That would continue for as long as I knew her. As would her having dreams about me, which helped me navigate the really weird dramas I seemed to attract like a powerful magnet.

I visited Kari about 5 days a week in the jail. By then, I was sleeping nights in the homeless shelter, which had been built some years before, because my Key West lawyer and friend Sam Kaufman (now a city commissioner) and I had threatened to put the city in federal court, if its police did not stop arresting homeless people for sleeping outside at night.

A federal case, *Pottinger v. City of Miami*, had held that Miami could not deny its homeless people essential life functions, such as cooking food, using the toilet and sleeping, to try to make them leave Miami. The same federal court had jurisdiction of Key West and there was a federal courthouse in Key West.

While living at the shelter, I made a public information request to see Kari's file at the shelter. After a lot of runaround, I finally was shown two thin files. There was nothing in either file explaining what Kari did to get banned for life, nor was there anything in either file saying she was banned for life. There was nothing in her file about her having caught scabies there.

I reported all of that on my blog, and I described unpleasant stuff going on at the shelter. I published several times that homeless people, who kept drinking and/or drugging, would be better off dead, than to continue living that way. I was accused of threatening to kill homeless people, and was banned from the shelter for life.

I found Loni on Facebook and started private messaging her links to my blog posts about Kari. By and by, Loni messaged me, said she had read every post about Kari. She was coming to Fort Lauderdale with her boyfriend to attend one of her best friend's funerals. She wanted to

drive down to the jail afterward to visit Kari. It was all set. Then, Loni changed her mind. I begged her to reconsider, to no avail.

After Kari was released from jail, she started applying ivermectin cream to her body, which was prescribed by the local indigent medical clinic. The creme was too weak to treat her feet, which were swollen, crusted over, and looked sort of like horse hooves.

A friend of mine ordered veterinary level liquid ivermectin online. I got a gallon bucket and filled it with water and poured chlorine bleach in it, and Kari soaked each foot in that for half an hour. The next day, we used ivermectin and water for the foot soak. And the next day, and the next day. Kari's feet began to heal. After about a month, her feet looked like feet. I reported all of that on my blog.

Kari was harassed continually by city police for trespassing in shopping centers, sleeping outside at night, and for camping, sitting on a towel on the ground. The towel made it camping. She was jailed a few times, and a judge gave her time served, until the next time he saw her.

I had telephone conversations with Kari's probation officer, who came to like me. In time, she said probation was not working, because Kari would not stop drinking vodka, and that was costing the probation office, the local criminal justice system, and the courts a lot of time and money.

I lobbied the assistant state attorney on Plantation Key, where Kari's felony case lay, to ask the judge there to terminate Kari's probation at the recommendation of her probation officer.

The assistant public defender didn't want any more to do with Kari, and the Public Defender asked the State of Florida to appoint Kari a special counsel, which the State did. I explained the probation termination solution to the special counsel.

Kari and I rode the Key West shuttle bus up US 1 to Marathon, and then another shuttle bus to the Plantation Key courthouse. The probation officer there did not know what was going on. I told her and she went back to her office and got Kari's file and came back to the courthouse.

The probation officer told the judge why the Probation Office wanted Kari's probation terminated. The special counsel made the same argument. The assistant state attorney made the same argument. The judge was irked, said he was being asked to reward Kari for bad behavior, but he terminated her probation. (The same judge had given David Dangler full custody of Loni.)

Now, Kari could drink without fear of being put in jail.

Nope.

Key West had an open container ordinance, which was only enforced against homeless people. The sheriff's jail was the city's de facto homeless shelter/drunken tank. I published that on my blog, and if there was no booze in Key West, the city's economy would crash. Yet, how many times had I upset homeless people by declining to file a lawsuit for them against Key West for selective enforcement of the open container ordinance? When I first met Sam Kaufman in 2001, he was looking at filing such a lawsuit and asked me what I thought? I said I could not bring myself to ask a judge to make it legal for homeless people to drink themselves to death. Sam didn't file the lawsuit.

The Key West police department was not thrilled with what I was reporting at my blog about what all was happening between their police officers and Kari.

Kari reported one incident when she was not arrested but threatened physically and verbally. I made a public information request for the body cams and was told by the police department's public spokesperson that it was coming, only to have her quite distressed tell me the cams were destroyed by the officers and they were receiving counseling.

The police department was not happy, either, that I was sleeping nights in its front lobby, because I had nowhere else to sleep at night. That was reported in the Key West Citizen, and the spokesperson was quoted as saying I had to be allowed to sleep somewhere, if I was not allowed to sleep at the homeless shelter.

Kari didn't trust law enforcement and refused to sleep nights in the police station. She slept nights on the ground somewhere she hoped city police would not find her.

Kari had a Metro cell phone and we talked often in that way, and we visited when she still had the energy to pedal her bicycle somewhere we could be without being harassed by city police, or I pedaled my bicycle to where she was and we had a modest meal at a local restaurant.

City police officers kept arresting Kari for camping, or trespass, or open container, and putting her in jail. I kept writing about that on my blog. Sam Kaufman helped Kari in some of her cases, but he did not do anything as a city commissioner to try to stop city police from harassing and jailing Kari for being homeless.

An unauthorized practice of law complaint was filed against me with the Florida State Bar. Posts about Kari from afoolworkneverends.blogspot.com were cited as evidence I was practicing law in Florida without a license.

A Bar investigator attorney contacted me, asked if I was practicing law in Key West? I said, no. Was I giving people legal advice? I said lay people give people legal advice all the time; President Trump gives people legal advice. Was I charging money for advising people? I said, no. The investigator attorney closed the file.

I don't remember if I told the investigator attorney that I practiced law ongoing in God's Courtroom, where I and everyone else involved was on trial.

Quite a few times I wrote at my blog, in God's eyes, we're all homeless.

In late August 2017, Hurricane Irma charged from Africa straight at Key West. My older daughter and her mother conspired to get me out of Key West to Alabama. Kari did not have such guardian angels. Kari called me one morning and said when she woke up around dawn, she saw two huge arms and hands come down from the sky and nudge Irma slightly eastward.

Just before Irma hammered Key West and likely killed Kari, who was trapped there, and lots of other people, Irma turned slightly eastward

and presented only her clean (weak) side to Key West. 20 miles up US 1 through Islamorada were devastated by Irma.

Kari had found shelter - miraculously - in an open bathroom in the breezeway of an evacuated motel on North Roosevelt Boulevard. The door opened outward. While the strong winds howled and a 3-foot tidal surge covered that part of Key West, Kari was safe in the bathroom.

I published that at my blog, and that an angel steered Irma slightly eastward to save Kari Dangler's life. If she was not there, Irma would have wrecked Key West.

I wrote at my blog that the City of Key West should thank God by giving Kari a free apartment, a monthly stipend, and a key to the city. Instead, city police kept harassing Kari and putting her in the sheriff's jail on Stock Island.

Covid-19 came. Kari was holed up with a man friend in a Florida City motel. Only essential service providers could get into the Florida Keys through the sheriff's roadblock. Kari told me of her and the man getting really sick. Respiratory, they could hardly breathe and move. It sounded like Covid-19. It lasted a couple of weeks. Then, they took covid tests offered by a traveling ambulance and were negative. The man got upset with Kari because she didn't want to have sex with him. He gave her a deadline to leave. I told the sheriff about Kari's dilemma. He said Kari could not return to the Keys, she might be infected. A Key West homeless friend with a car bearing Key West license tags drove to the motel and picked up Kari and sheriff deputies allowed them into the Keys.

Kari returned to where she had hung out on North Roosevelt Boulevard. She wore a mask everywhere, as per city covid-rules. City police kept harassing her and putting her in jail, which had a covid epidemic.

Last fall, Kari's father died. Her mother asked her to come home. Kari's Greyhound bus came through Birmingham and we visited about 15 minutes in the bus terminal.

It was not easy for Kari or her mother. Kari's drinking did not help. Her mother tried to get me to have Kari live with me. I knew that would not work, and my dreams strongly agreed.

Kari kept reporting her and me having passionate sex in her night dreams.

Kari kept reporting her dreams about me, which helped me navigate the very strange experiences I seemed to attract like a giant magnet. Kari reported many dreams and visions of her earlier life experiences and people she had known. Some flashbacks were pleasant, some disturbed her greatly. I told her she was having a life review, and to the extent she completed it, she would not have it in the afterlife.

Kari's mother started pushing Kari to leave, even though Kari had no place to go, but to live on the streets of Key West.

Kari told me of a dream in which I was speaking to a large audience of rabbits, whose ears were tilted toward me.

Then, Kari reported a dream in which I was on a black horse, shooting rabbits.

I didn't hear from Kari for two days.

Kari's mother texted me that Kari had a massive seizure and died (because going back to Key West would be oblivion).

Kari left without seeing Loni and her children.

A friend of mine, who had gotten to know Kari somewhat on the telephone, sent me this email:

I'm sitting, with my friend Kari, at a small table on a patio just outside of a door on the side of a charmingly beautiful small cottage. There are flowers all around - some in pots, some planted. The patio is made of large irregularly shaped, attractive, paving stones. I comment on the loveliness of the patio and the house and ask her "How did you find this wonderful place"? Kari replies, "I had to leave where I was." With her comment, I find myself suddenly stark awake.

Not bad heavenly digs for a convicted felon, vodka addict, street person, who had not attended church in a very long time.

Just me thinking. If I lived in Key West, I would be worried about the next big one not being nudged slightly eastward.

I would be worried, not only because Kari clearly was very special to God, but also because, many years before I met Kari, the Key West

City Commission made “We are all created equal members of One Human Family” its official philosophy - unless we are homeless.

I would be worried, because Kari told me of several shaman rituals she performed while she was in Key West, and I saw the effect, pleasant or not, those rituals had on the situations involved.

I would be worried, because the citizens of Key West chipped in and built an \$18,000,000 Taj Mahal homeless animal shelter, but the city did not build a city commission-approved decent shelter for its homeless people, to replace the rat trap shelter the city built in 2004 after my lawyer friend Sam Kaufman and I threatened to put the city into federal court for not letting homeless people sleep outside.

After reading the above, the friend who told me of her dream about Kari in the afterlife, emailed:

Sloan, this is somehow beautiful. Regardless of the challenges and horrors Kari faced in life, she was a delightful, strong, beautiful, and courageous Old Soul. I wish she could have come to terms with and acceptance of her gifts as a Seer. Through our many discussions of the multitude of ways intuition and "knowing" present, and that in my opinion, such knowing, visions, messages and intuitions are a gift and a blessing I would never want to be without, she just could not seem to become comfortable with the idea. So many questions she had. I believe all of that is at least partially responsible for her reliance on vodka. An attempt to tone down and quiet what she encountered intuitively and anomalously without vodka muting the full bore experience.

I miss her terribly and our often deep thoughtful discussions. She accepted life as it came at her in a manner and with resilience that amazed me, and opened me to viewing the world differently.

I hope and believe she is at peace and perhaps thriving in another realm of being finally. The dream meeting with her I believe confirms that.

I called my friend and told her that I thought all along that two things in Kari's youth derailed her.

The first was not telling her parents what the neighbor's son did to her when she babysat his younger sister. After that, Kari had a habit of folding when she should speak out.

The second thing was what my friend wrote above. After Kari turned away from the gift God gave her, doors to hell opened in her life.

Yet, if those doors had not opened, I would not have met Kari and seven years of my life would have been really boring, and I would be a lot poorer in the soul sense.

That night, Good Friday, a huge electrical storm came into Birmingham and there was lightning and thunder for several hours. Historically, such storms heralded major change coming my way.

The next night, a woman told me in a dream that I was operating very shallow. Then, Kari told her that I had "more noise to make".

Then my heart was seized and began heaving, and I bawled my eyes, heart and guts out. That had happened twice before, when it looked like I had lost Kari and was trying to get on with my life without her.



Those photos were taken in early 2016 by an old friend of Kari's in Fort Zachary State Park. The friend was down from Miami for a few days. Zero chance that meeting was coincidence.

I really hoped it would somehow work out and Kari and I would be a couple. We sure tried. But it was not meant for us to be a couple in the

traditional way. But, my goodness, did we have lots of adventures, including many days at For Zach, feeding mourning doves with sunflower seeds I bought at the Dollar Store. We had doves lighting on our heads, arms, legs, eating sunflower seeds out of our palms.

I never told Kari that, before she went to live with her mother, I was told in my sleep by a female voice that I would have a companion who would not have to come back (reincarnate).

Kari's last two dreams about me helped me see that I put her down to free her from her suffering. I wished she took me with her. My soul mate, my wife. I miss her terribly.

What we did together during the seven years we knew each other echoes in Eternity. I hope we are there together.

I considered naming her eulogy, "The Reluctant Shaman Kari Dangler."

It is completed on Easter Sunday, 2022.

Donald Trump's pecker is on trial in Manhattan- if he was a colonial America woman, he would be burned at the stake as a fornicating apostate witch

After two brief sojourns down homeless people memory lane, my attention returns to a very different homeless arena- separation from God.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America says it is "One nation, under God," and on America's money is stamped, "In God we trust," and its Declaration of Independence claims Nature and Nature's God as its authority:

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness...

America's former president Donald Trump is selling his own red, white and blue Bibles for personal profit, claiming God sent him to save America from the evil Democrats.

American evangelicals believe God sent Trump to save them from the evil Democrats, who are conducting witch hunts against him, while the cold hard truth is, if Donald Trump was a woman in Colonial America, he would be burned at the stake as a fornicating apostate witch.

To see that hard cold truth, Trump and his mega church congregation need only to view the hard cold evidence unfolding in a New York state courtroom in Manhattan, where the great pussy grabber by his own declaration stands trial for claiming hush money he paid to a famous

prostitute Stormy Daniels while he was running for president was a business expense.

The prosecution's first witness was the owner of the National Inquirer, who artfully helped work the Stormy and similar deals to keep American voters from knowing the great pussy grabber did a great deal more than grab, and he did it when he was married to his foreign immigrant wife Melania, who seems to be just fine with her hubby's pussy adventures, since she is not raising bloody hell about it in a divorce court, and the good Christians who support her hubby seem just fine with him paying stormy to hush for not having sex with him, according to her hubby.

What amazes me is the national news media and the social media have not been saying the obvious, which is that the owner of the National Inquirer is named David Pecker. That's right, folks, his last name is pecker. And there is no way to get around picking from that very large jar ballad of cosmic pickled peckers.

Very simply, Donald Trump's very own pecker is on trial in that Manhattan courtroom, and given it is said Stormy Daniels likened his pecker to a mushroom, I can imagine the jury and the courtroom sketch artist anxiously wait to see that evidence to help them decide whether Stormy told the truth about having sex with Donald after Melania gave birth to their son Barron, and then Donald paid Stormy to be quiet about it, because he was running for president and didn't want his adoring Evangelicals to pick the Christian extremist Ted Cruz as their candidate, and he didn't want Melania to take him to the cleaners in a divorce trial.

Even as Ted is not having much to say these days about David Pecker testifying in the Manhattan courtroom that the National Inquirer published a fake story, on purpose, that Cruz's father was in on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

I seriously doubt even the most loyal Christian Trump backer can't see plain as day that this here trial in Manhattan was arranged by God Almighty, because that is where Trump was born and raised with a silver

spoon is in spoiled brat mouth; that is where he built Trump tower, an obvious extension of his pecker; that is where he made his mark as the great pussy grabber, because he could get away with it; and that is where all them chickens flew home to roost.

Now how the case will be decided by a jury, this once upon a time practicing attorney who had divorce clients has no clue, but I saw and heard Trump complain on national TV yesterday about New York City being a Democrat stronghold, and the jury in the Manhattan courtroom are Democrats, and I bet the farm Trump knows people remember when he ran with the Clintons and the great female sex trafficker Jeffery Epstein, and claimed he grabbed pussies because he could.

Text back and forth last night with a friend who calls Donald Trump “the orange turd” (OT). My friend worked on Wall Street his entire adult life.

Him

Hey Ted Cruz. About time you really told us how you feel about OT.

And I really think this case is less about convicting Trump on questionable charges than it is showing what a true scumbag he is, in case you haven’t already figured that out. So what do the Evangelicals do now, thy pompous soul??

Me

The Evangelicals need to read Salvation on Sand Mountain backward.

Him

Like reading Hebrews, right? Or maybe chanting around the fire in front of Stray Adults Tent at Horse Pens 40??

[Horse Pens 40 was a lovely country mountainside place north of Birmingham where there was an annual music festival several friends and I not entirely happy with our lives and America attended a few times.]

Me

Did you read that book? Salvation on Sand Mountain

Him

Nope

Me

You are in for a treat. By Dennis Covington, his personal experiences as a visitor in a snake handler church on that mountain. They kinda liked him until he started talking about women needing to have more say in their religion.

How a living American dinosaur views his country



How truly fortunate this old American, who once practiced law, feels to be able to see on TV and online former U.S. Republican President Donald Trump hijack former U.S. Republican President Richard Nixon's view that the U.S. President can do no wrong and is immune to prosecution, on which the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments today.

How truly fortunate this old American feels to be able to see on TV and online U.S. President Joe Biden giving Israel whatever it wants to finish the obliteration of Gaza and perhaps starting World War III in the Middle East.

Despite my Jewish ancestry through my Polish great grandfather on my father's side of the family, I do not see why America feels it has a duty to God to give money and arms to Israel, which has caused many problems in Palestine, because it is convinced God wants Israel to be there, and thus Israel can carry on against its neighbors like the Israelites carried on in the Old Testament against their neighbors.

Israel is run by religious fanatics. Hamas is run by religious fanatics. Hezbollah is run by religious fanatics. Iran is run by religious fanatics. Radical Islam is run by religious fanatics. The U.S. Supreme Court is run by Christian fanatics, thanks to President Donald Trump and the Christian Republican majority in the U.S. Congress, even though Amendment 1 of the U.S. Constitution begins, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

I have had many dealings with religious fanatics.

My mother used me to prove to my father and his and her parents that she was justified in leaving their Baptist Church and becoming an Episcopalian. She forced 11-year-old me to attend grueling Episcopal church services, instead of Sunday school, which I had liked at the Baptist church. She forced 12-year-old me through Confirmation classes every Saturday afternoon, MY DAY OFF, for I hated school, viewed it as being sent to prison. When the Episcopal Bishop of Alabama came to her church and performed the confirmation ceremony, my first taste ever of communion wine went down my throat wrong and it took every ounce of my will not to let on that I was choking to death on the blood of Christ.

My mother told me that she started smoking 2 packs of Pall Malls a day at age 15 to rebel against her Puritan parents. When I was in law school, she contracted lung cancer and died quickly, and got her divorce from her parents and her husband, whom she had tried to divorce, but gave that up after her mother told her, "If you divorce Sloan, it will kill me." So, my mother buried herself even deeper in her Episcopal church in Mountain Brook, Alabama, aka The Tiny Kingdom.

Last night, I took a neighbor lady friend out to dinner. She is from Long Island. She worked in New York City. She knows more about Donald Trump than his MAGA base and the Republicans in Congress and elsewhere in America will ever know. She has no use for Trump as a person, nor as president. She married a Frenchman, and they lived many years in France, and many years in Birmingham. She speaks French as well as she speaks English. She has dual citizenship. She has a view of America that Americans who have not lived overseas cannot have. She gets my email blasts, and in that way, and in our private conversations, she knows how I feel about Donald Trump, Joe Biden, Republicans, MAGAs and Democrats.

We talked last night about old people like her and me, ailing physically and medically, getting older. We face ending up in a facility, which I can afford, thanks to an inheritance from my father, but she cannot afford. She said over in France, old people are allowed to choose how they die, it's

between them and their doctors. Whereas in America, merciful graceful exit is prohibited by religious fanatics such as President Biden, the U.S. Congress, and state governors and state legislatures- lackeys of retrograde Christianity and huge commercial industries, which depend for their very survival on people like my friend and me living for as long and painfully as possible.

I think it would be a blessing for America and the world if the Lord took President Biden and Donald Trump today. I think it would be a blessing for the world, if it was free from religion as it is practiced in America, Israel, and much of Islam.

I told my friend last night that Donald Trump isn't really the problem. The problems is the people who support him, oblivious to his disdain for them. The people who support and praise him and give him their money, because they think that makes him love them. They back him because he tells them what they want to hear, he stacked the Supreme Court with their ilk. It's that simple. They do not see that he knows how to pull their religious fanatic strings.

They are convinced they are God's chosen people, and those who oppose them work for the Devil. It is not possible for them to entertain that they work for the Devil. They are America's version of radical Islam and radical Israel. They are America's version of Iran, Putin Russia, Red China and North Korea. They are America's version of the Inquisition and Nazi Germany.

While President Biden is trying very hard to start World War III.

My advice to young Americans is they have U.S. passports and enough money set aside to leave America, if they wish to do so. For dinosaurs like me, leaving America is not particularly attractive, except to go to Canada or France, where we can decide when a doctor will put us down when we don't feel we can endure what beloved pets are never forced to endure. Except Canada doesn't want us, and I don't speak French very well. So

younguns, get fluent in a foreign language of a country where you might wish to live.

If I were America's president, I would ask Congress to give elders in America the same escape hatch elders in Canada and France have. I would cut Israel loose. I would tell NATO countries to help Ukraine, and America, as a member of NATO, will do its fair share. I would ask the United States Department of Justice and Congress to leave no stone unturned investigating Donald Trump's ties to Russia and Saudi Arabia, and Joe Biden and his son Hunter's dealings in Ukraine.

Saying all of that another way-

In a world where a depraved presidential candidate
sells red, white and blue bibles
to suckers born every minute
to line his own pockets,
and his opponent keeps giving money and munitions
to one side of a religious freak war,
I wish I had renewed my passport,
but since I didn't,
and even if I had,
Americans ain't all that welcome
to live indefinitely
like they once wuz,
at least not in Canada,
and since I have plenty of
demons running amok nearby
and within,

I'm left with,
resolved,
or not,
to take yet another look
in the mirror on the wall,
old and ornery,
wondering why the fuck
I'm still here?
But since I am...

Penni

Costa Rica is pretty accepting and it is warm and beautiful. Still- you may be needed here where the anti Christ continues to gain power even through the sales of the bible he thwarts at every turn.

Sloan Bashinsky

Spent 2 months in CR, early 2000. It was lovely then. Have heard it now is not so lovely. American expats back then had to take, or pay someone, to carry their passport, or visa, out of CR every six months, and bring back in through customs and get it stamped and renewed. Met several expats who had built homes, and that caused them to be stuck there, because no buyers. I don't have a passport, and such now is more difficult to get. Have a throat doctor to take with me, if I want to remain able to talk

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I felt that so deeply. I wrote a poem pondering the same thing. From the day we are born we are dying. In the flesh we no longer recognise. I've found a new hope in Christ. Yes I know what you're thinking... I didn't consider myself worthy, was skeptical about the whole Christian dedication thing. Though I've always been a 'lukewarm' non practicing

Christian trust me, it was no easy feat and plain sailing. For I resisted the call until practicing new age opened some doors that were not meant to be opened. My story is far too complicated for your comments section!

I just wanted to let you know that I wholeheartedly welcomed your poem. It was as if the Holy Spirit had made it known to me. I came across it completely by chance. You are a very talented writer 😊

Sloan Bashinsky

I think no such thing. Jesus and Archangel Michael shanghaied me in early 1987, after I realized Christianity and the New Age, and moving out west, had not helped me and I asked God to help me and offered my life to human service. Those two, and some of their associates, turned me every which a way but loose, and upside down and inside out. They stood me before endless mirrors, looking at me. Their course in mirrors changed my perspective of everything. It included some miracles, which is my take on A Course in Miracles and Jesus in the Gospels. To the extent people live as he lived and taught, they are saved by him. Not Christendom's view, but it is what I was taught. A really steep path, as Jesus in the Gospels said it was. A poem that fell out of me in the spring of 1995 still seems to sum it up. regardless of what name we give God, or whatever is running things.

“Sacred Prism”

Earth,
The sacred prism
through which souls are refracted
into their elemental parts,
Purified in Holy Fire,
The one-forged
and sent on their way
to not even God knows where,
Simply because they are all
Unique Emanations of God,
Evolving . . .

living and dying in an America gone mad without brave new world soma to blur the details



It doesn't take a genius in pain to turn on a TV and watch CNN, FOX, or WHATEVER FACT AND SPIN to know my country tis of thee has done gone and plunged itself into the shitter in more ways than Nevermore, Dorothy and readin', writin' & 'rithmetic ever could have imagined.

It doesn't take a genius in pain to cruise the Internet, Facebook, X, Reddit, Truth Social, YouTube, Rumble or Whatever to see 1984 and Brave New World were not Science Fiction.

It doesn't take a genius in pain to know that you can't always get what you want, but if you try sometime, you might find you get what you need.

But if you hide from it in chemicals that alter your experience, you might miss a few details.

A grapes of wrath catcher in the rye wasteland from Poetic Outlaws yesterday provoked old and ornery me into a rant of sorts.



You're Painfully Alive in a Drugged and Dying Culture

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POETIC OUTLAWS

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"It's a disease. Nobody thinks or feels or cares anymore; nobody gets excited or believes in anything except their own comfortable little God damn mediocrity."

— Richard Yates

It's quiet here in the early morning and no one's around—just the way I like it. I'm sitting on a bench, sipping black coffee on an old dock, looking out over the ancient lake. I watch with an incredible sense of serenity as the fog dies out with the rising sun. There's a peculiar stillness here in these early hours.

The sky grows lighter and lighter. A subtle breeze makes small ripples in the water. The fish jump and splash, the birds chirp and flutter, and everything seems joyful and harmonious. The great hum of life.

Behind me, the world is not so joyous and harmonious.

Behind me is a society I, too, belong to—a society teetering on the edge of all-out madness. We, the people, seem to be half-asleep at the wheel and completely entangled in a web of false narratives and social delusions. Our semiconscious society of disenfranchised people is at war with each other over manufactured illusions and irrational beliefs. We are completely alienated from each other, our deeper selves, and the soil that sustains us.

“Every realm of society is permeated with falsity and falsification,” the great Henry Miller reminded us so many years ago. He's still right—probably more so today.

As the morning unfolds, the commotion begins much like it did the day before. Alarm clocks fire off. The TV's flick-on and the news prompt us as to what we should be afraid of today. Antagonizing headlines heave us into a partisan frenzy before we even step foot in the shower. No

one cares too much about the TRUTH because our minds are already made up.

This is the modern world.

The water splashes the face. The coffee is brewed. The social media is checked and updated and the emails are read over breakfast. Tired and heavily medicated souls make their way onto the billboard-littered highway to inch along in bumper-to-bumper traffic to a job they despise.

The kids are dropped off at their prison-like education camps, where they are segregated by age and forced to submit to an outdated national curriculum concocted by some inept bureaucratic process. Here, the inherent curiosities of little unique individuals are smashed out, and their little minds are molded and standardized and taught the “virtue” of conformity and obedience.

They become much like ourselves—well-adjusted disciples of the status quo, well-fed but inwardly starving, and spiritually depleted by a senseless haste that seems to be required to function in modern culture.

I sit here in complete solitude as an accomplice to the new born day. The rising sun, with its trembling rays, seep into my eyes. The morning chill dissipates along with the warmth of my coffee. A cardinal sings on the wood railing of the old dock. I breathe in the pure air of a fresh dawn.

I read somewhere recently that more than 99 percent of all organisms that have ever lived on Earth are now extinct. And yet, here I am,

alive, and it's good to be alive. But so many of us take it for granted — this miracle of breath, this accidental thing we call LIFE.

Sitting here I can't help but look up at the skies and ask — what the hell is happening to us as a species?

Most of the big cities are uninhabitable. Our communities have all but disintegrated as the pockets of our overlords have fattened. The vast array of self-help books that fly off the shelves daily haven't helped us all too much. Money and an abundance of toys and possessions haven't made us happy. The filters on our posing faces can't disguise the truth of mortality.

Everyone is afraid. This once beautiful land is now a land of dread.

Something is ending. We are at the precipice of something none of us understand.

How did we get here?

How did we arrive at a point in the United States where unbridled consumerism, endless war, vast surveillance, addiction, conformity, obesity, illiteracy, loneliness, victimhood, bitterness, infinite division, mindless entertainment, and an insatiable appetite for OUTRAGE came to be the defining characteristics of American civilization?

Looking around you can't help but feel this grave, disquieting anxiety slithering all through our culture. A recent article revealed that a third of adults right now in the United States are walking around in a concussion-like daze due to stress and lack of sleep.

More than three in five Americans are feeling lonelier than ever before.

Suicide is one of the most persistent causes of death among young

people. Obesity, depression, and anxiety rule our days. Chronic disease is rampant along with various kinds of addictions. 44% of older millennials already have a chronic health condition. Nearly 70 percent of Americans are taking at least one prescribed medication and half are taking more than one.

As Richard Yates wrote in his brilliantly intense mid-20th century novel, Revolutionary Road, “You’re painfully alive in a drugged and dying culture.” Indeed, we are.

Look at us.

Woven nicely into the fabric of a sick society, plagued with an aching sense of emptiness and self-entitlement, passions snuffed out by the nine-to-five or no work at all, no time for voyages and adventure, too timid and afraid to live creatively and authentically — just good folks splashing around in the shallows as the pills are gulped down and the lights slowly dim.

Author, journalist, and one of the most fiercely lyrical, no-nonsense writers of our time, the late great Charles Bowden, had his finger on the pulse of our whimpering nation when he wrote:

We are an exceptional model of the human race. We no longer know how to produce food. We no longer can heal ourselves. We no longer raise our young. We have forgotten the names of the stars, fail to notice the phases of the moon. We do not know the plants and they no longer protect us.

We tell ourselves we are the most powerful specimens of our kind who have ever lived. But when the lights are off we are helpless. We cannot move without traffic signals. We must attend classes in order to learn by rote numbered steps toward love or how to breast-feed our baby. We justify anything, anything at all by the need to maintain our way of life.

And then we go to the doctor and tell the professionals we have no life.

We have a simple test for making decisions: our way of life, which we cleverly call our standard of living, must not change except to grow yet more grand. We have a simple reality we live with each and every day: our way of life is killing us.

Is this life? — this apathetic mode of existence that we've created for ourselves? Living at odds with nature, at odds with our natural instincts, unable to cultivate a connection with our own spirit, forever in exile from our own being?

Is this it?

To live in a kind of forgetful fog while letting ourselves be dominated and pushed around by the whims of these institutional-minded bigwigs and so-called experts?

To keep buying and consuming our way toward this phantom idea of happiness? To work soul-sickening jobs to keep up the illusion of success? To be given the miracle of breath only to become life-long servants to the myriad of rules and dictates imposed from the outside?

Is it any wonder why so many of us live lives of quiet desperation, as Thoreau noticed?

Are we the society that George Orwell warned about so many decades ago? A society “marching forward in perfect unity, all thinking the same thoughts and shouting the same slogans, perpetually working, fighting, triumphing, persecuting — three hundred million people all with the same face.”

Seems we're mighty close. All the ingredients are here — rampant fear, anger, ignorance, blind obedience, feverish consumerism, and immense resentment.

We are people who have turned the elemental emotions that make us human beings — fear, anxiety, sadness — into “illnesses” and “disorders” that must be “managed” and “treated” by an ocean of pharmaceuticals rather than taking the necessary measures to get down to the root of it. As Dr. Gabor Maté once reminded us, “The attempt to escape from pain, is what creates more pain.”

You can't help but see it in the eyes and hear it in the voices — the despair, the fear, the animosity. A society of weaklings walking on eggshells, afraid to speak, afraid to offend, afraid to live. A society of indignant complainers and fraudulent do-gooders and sanctimonious political hacks strapped with a fanatical biased worldview constantly projecting their inner shortcomings onto the fruitful.

Somehow, this is the world we've created for ourselves — **it's our way of life**. We all see it. We know something is severely off in today's overly-managed society. Everyone is angry and divided because

everything is politicized, and no one seems to care too much about the insidious narrative that has been fed to us since birth.

We've lost the appetite for LIFE long ago.

Instead, we're eaten alive by our own self-righteous concepts.

Because so many of us have neglected our inner lives, we've become deluded slaves to our surroundings, blindly giving allegiance to the fear-soaked narratives of our "drugged and dying culture."

Bowden again:

"... we are all on a train and it is racing toward a bridge that is out but no one on the train cares because they are busy arguing about train security measures or who gets to sit in which car or whether the train is only for people or whether the train is only for one sex or the other or maybe the train should be divided up according to race or language or religion and still the train races toward the bridge that is gone, races toward some chasm that will shatter it and so the people argue and do not care that their behavior means that they can never reach the future."

Now what? What do we have to do to "break the mold," as they say? Is there an escape hatch, or are we all destined for the looming chasm?

I surely haven't found the answer to that question. Perhaps there is no answer, or maybe it's too late.

One thing is pretty clear, though — there's no Department of "whatever," or a coalition, or some half-smiling partisan handshake

coming to set things right. No one is coming to save you or the world you inhabit. No one is responsible for the affirmation of your life. Only YOU.

It's on each of us to untangle ourselves from the fear-ridden narratives of our deathbed culture. It's on us to live beyond our limited, fragmentary selves—the job, the labels, the nation, the race, the sexuality, the politics, etc., and come into full possession of our inner drives, the fire within.

And I know nobody wants to hear it. We seem to need labels and categories to function in this society. We need other people or some irrelevant institution to tell us how to live—the politician, the law, some guru, the preacher. Very few people want to take on the responsibility of their own consciousness, their own brief, miraculous existence on this godforsaken planet.

But it's the only way.

As the French philosopher and novelist Jean-Paul Sartre reminded us:

“Man can will nothing unless he has first understood that he must count on no one but himself; that he is alone, abandoned on earth in the midst of his infinite responsibilities, without help, with no other aim than the one he sets himself, with no other destiny than the one he forges for himself on this earth.”

We must awaken and deepen our understanding of the world we live in. The essential task is to provoke a radical sense of self-awareness and transform our passions into action. We must live LIFE directed by

our own real interests as unique human beings rather than becoming subjects of external causes who never possess the “true acquiescence” of our spirit, as Spinoza put it.

Becoming free, or at least as free within the contingencies of our finitude, results from intense awareness, effort, and extreme courage.

Erich Fromm explained that “in order to achieve this freedom man must become aware of those forces which act behind his back and determine him...If you remain blind and do not make the utmost efforts, you will lose your freedom.”

I want to end once again with the inquiring words of the great Charles Bowden:

“Imagine the problem is not some syndrome of our society that can be solved by commissions or laws or a redistribution of what we call wealth.

Imagine that it goes deeper, right to the core of what we call our civilization and that no one outside of ourselves can effect real change, that our civilization, our governments are sick and that we are mentally ill and spiritually dead and that all our issues and crises are symptoms of this deeper sickness...

Imagine that the problem is not that we are powerless or that we are victims but that we have lost the fire and belief and courage to act.”

Sloan Bashinsky

Sloan's Newsletter

Well, shucks and hell, Erik
why dontcha tell us how you really feel :-)
dat there old status quo thinks
it's God Almighty
and anything that tries to disturb its peace
a mortal threat
deserving lethal response
all that programming and brainwashing
its own religion
layers and layers and layers
of big brother code writing
fact warping
biological computers
the status quo's one foundation
mega-wired lemmings gospel choir
suckers born every minute
clueless of strings yanking their chains
so saved by Jesus
they never get to know him
think they are the chosen
even though he said
many are called
but few are chosen
You nailed it,
it's every man, woman and child
for themselves,
if not now,
then eventually,
stone cold sober
no brave new world soma
to blur the details
pain aplenty
physical and soul

and it really does help
I find
to feel the presences
of something a hell of a lot bigger
and smarter than the status quo,
our coding,
for without that
what's the point?
We only exist for a brief moment
in space and time
and that's it
it's all over
finished
kaput
forever?
There is no Eternity,
no Infinity?
What we do here today
irrelevant in the big scheme?
Certainly,
what we do here today
Is all that matters today.
The rest,
well,
who can say
who has not been there
and come back to tell it?

**Greetings Christian America from the Melchizedek priesthood in which
Jesus is high priest**



Yesterday evening, I talked with my friend Bob on the telephone about watching an episode of The Vikings on Netflix, in which a young boy was killed by marauders and my heart started heaving and I felt the presence of my son who died of crib death in the the 7th week of his life, which so unhinged me that I was never able to fit myself in to the plans my parents and their parents and I had made for me, and I went off and had an entirely

different life about which I wrote many books, which are free reads at the internet library, archive.org, thanks to Bob.

I had told Bob of sometimes feeling that metaphysical experiences with my son actually were experiences with what I was raised to call the son of God, Jesus in the Gospels.

Yesterday evening was pretty topsy turvy, and I was not feeling well, and around 8 pm I laid down on my bed wondering if, given my experience while watching The Vikings, my time was up?

Around 3 a.m. this morning, I woke up and texted Bob:

Fell asleep on my bed around 8 p.m., wondering if my time was up? I awoke around 3 a.m. out of a dream in which I was the new police chief in some town on or near the Florida Gulf coast. I told a woman I was a lawyer, who didn't charge money.

I'm wondering what that's about? *My novel Heavy Wait: A Strange Tale* is set in Birmingham, Port. St. Joe, Apalachicola, and St. George Island. I wrote it in 2001 in the Helen, Georgia library on one of their desktop computers in 2001. After I was done writing it, I met my Helen, Georgia friend JE while I was hitchhiking. He loved the tale. He was on St. George Island recently.

Heavy Wait is about a Birmingham lawyer named Riley Strange and two very different women, who look like twin sisters. They have some seriously intense experiences with God, and with church people, who think they know everything there is to know about God.

After texting Bob, I crawled out of bed and looked at my email and saw:

PERSONALITY DISORDERED followed you on Substack

I was brought back to life. Not by medical miracle nor my own strength. Isaiah 40:31 - but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

I went to her substack and found at the top:

Have you been called by the Holy Spirit lately?

PERSONALITY DISORDERED

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I feel I've been called by the Holy Spirit to come back to Christ. I answered that call in a heartbeat.

Has anyone else noticed a supernatural shift lately?

PERSONALITY DISORDEREDApr 2

Regrettably, all my life was lived as a lukewarm Christian. It was only recently I discovered biblical seminars on YouTube. Primarily Bible study focused. I never understood the parables in the Bible until I started watching these. It was as if everything just clicked and suddenly, as a revelation on its own I grasped it!

Likened to an automatic download, the information was infused into my body, heart, soul and spirit. Since I don't have a church to go to as of yet, I continue to use audiobooks about the word of God, Jesus' life before/during his teachings and the Gospels of John, Paul (all the apostles).

I truly feel throughout my life, there were so many times I was being called by the Lord and Holy Spirit but I didn't recognise it.

After sustaining a life changing spinal injury, it took away my sanity too. For the mind is susceptible to deception, especially in times of conflict/crisis. I allowed anger, grief and frustration to take hold of me. In the destitute state I fell into there was no room for faith in our Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit to dwell upon me. The cadaverous influence that entered my life was malevolent and most certainly contributed to a multitude of strongholds which consumed any hope for my future. Then a miracle came.

Through repentance and prayer, I sought forgiveness for all of my transgressions and sins. I surrendered and submitted my body, heart, soul, mind and spirit to God.

As if was being prepared for this amazing spiritual awakening seven years ago (which is quite prophetic in itself), I finally removed myself from a violent, abusive relationship that plagued me for five years. I also abstained from all fornication, alcohol, drugs and completely cut out all negative, demonic influence from my life.

So seven years on, I feel emphatically that it's so important to share my testimony. My journey on here began before I was called upon by the most merciful and loving God.

In keeping with sharing my journey living alongside mental illness, that facet of this publication won't change. In addition going forward, I'll be including the spiritual transformations in my life.

For the first time my spirit is fired up for the Lord. The truth is the minute I was reminded of the word, I came out of the enemy's strategy of deception and was supernaturally guided back to scripture.

These days I have a completely new perspective of life. I am blessed, highly spirited, motivated and inspired to share how the unconditional love and forgiveness of our Lord and Saviour can truly transform your life too!

For many years searching for answers, the Genesis of my pain.

Through the Trinitarian guidance I've received, I realise the answer was right in front of my face all along. I'm beginning a new journey, and this time I have an advantage. I have the armour of God.

I figured that was what my dream was about, and I subscribed to her newsletter and took a while replying to her post.

Sloan Bashinsky

Interesting. In my spirit code, 7 is the mark of God on a person or an event. Paul went through an intense time of preparation before he was sent back into the world. Peter, also. Other of the 12 known men disciples, as well. The women disciples, well, that's not talked about much in Christendom :-). I'll get to that in a bit.

I am pretty sure I dreamed about you about an hour ago, and I woke up thinking the dream might be about my novel *Heavy Wait: A Strange Tale*, not for the faint of heart, a free read at the free internet library,

archive.org. The redneck heroine in that tale had some really awful experiences in her backwoods Christian family, including being raped repeatedly by one of her brothers and being made out to be crazy by her family, after she started talking about it, and she got locked up and fortunately the psychiatrist didn't believe her family entirely. But she needed a great deal more help than the psychiatrist could provide, and that's where the hero came into the story, after his heart had been ripped out of him and run through a wood chipper by the love of his life suddenly dying and he had his own time with a psychiatrist in a facility, who figured out there was something a lot bigger than psychiatry going on with his patient.

Heavy Wait fell out of me in about 6 weeks on a public library computer in Helen, Georgia. I was homeless, and the library let me use one of its desktops to write the tale, which very definitely is not for the faint of heart, and was not entirely all made up. The Preface tells how I was led by the Spirit to write the tale.

Last year, I wrote *Heavy Wait's* sequel, *Return of the Strange*. Also not for the faint of heart.

Both novels are free reads at the free internet library, archive.org, which is run and funded by American colleges. You might be asked if you are sure you want to open that website, which is used by people all over the world to read out of print books and books by authors who offer their books for free. The free library's digitized books can be read in at least 33 languages, including English.

To bring up my dozen or so books, enter Sloan Bashinsky in the search space and press Enter, and icon links for the books come up and clicking on their icon opens them. My books are averaging about 10,000 complete reads, per book, per month.

My books at archive.org, and my Susttaack writings, and my blogs, granffossil.blogspot.com, redneckmysticlawyerforpresident.blogspot.com, and afoolsworkeverends.blogspot.com, are for grown ups.

I tell Christians, to the extent they live as Jesus in the Gospels lived, they are saved by him, and they should not forget he said in the Gospels, many are called, but few are chosen, and they should not

forget he did not baptize in water, but in fire and spirit he baptized, and that was the baptism he lived in the Gospels, and how people live is far more important than what they say and believe.

I wrote to you elsewhere that I was grabbed by Jesus and Michael in early 1987, after I had figured out that church Christianity and the New Age and moving out west had not helped me, and I was desperate and prayed to God to help me and offered my life to human service.

How those two grabbed me was, they woke me up in the wee hours and I saw them hovering above me in the darkness, but did not know who they were, but I thought they were angels, white, shaped like shifts, no wings that I saw, and I heard, "This will push you to your limits, but you asked for it, and we are going to give it to you," and I saw a white flash and was physically and otherwise jolted by something electrical, and that happened two more times, and I was sweating and shaking in my body, and the two faded out, and that was how it started.

The changes came slowly at first. I was moved to another city, met a new woman, and had a vision about writing a book about practicing law in a new way, and I tried to write the book and wrote garbage many times, but eventually stuff happened and I actually did start writing the book, and the two used that process and various editors I was provided to force me to take many long hard looks at myself in the mirror, and one fearless and searching moral personal inventory after another became the core of the discipline, still in progress at 81 years and climbing.

I experienced many wondrous things, a number of what sure looked like miracles to me. I was ever aware of the two's presence, via dreams, revelations, ah has, body and sensory sensations, some were brutal- corrections, spankings, redirections, etc. Eventually, the two were joined by what I called Rosa Myytca. Then came Melchizedek, and then Kali, in the Hindu tradition. I learned Kali really doesn't care for how men think.

I was told it is very easy to mistake Lucifer for the Holy Spirit, and I was given many experiences to show me why that was true, inside of me and outside of me, in other people, in the world's goings on. Every

person has a demonic twin, and coming to terms with that is part of the journey. Jesus wrestled with his demonic twin in the wilderness and thereafter, but that is not discussed in churches, where the Devil is pleased to hide in plain view, but is not seen usually.

I was sent into churches and various other situations, and then into politics. I came to view everywhere I was, I was in church, which is how it was for Jesus in the Gospels, and for Paul, and Peter, and for other disciples known in the Gospels and not known there. A number of disciples were women, the most prominent was Mary Magdalene, Jesus's wife, mother of his child, but you'll never get Christendom to acknowledge that. Every person in Christendom should read the book, *Holy Blood, Holy Grail*, which is about their child and its bloodline. In 1992, as I recall, this came to me from very far away, very slowly.

Melchizedek

Melchizedek is an Order of angel

Melchizedek comes to a planet in trouble to prepare it to receive the Christ

Christ does not come to a planet without Melchizedek

Mary Magdalene was of the Order Melchizedek

In 1999, I was told to read the Letter to the Hebrews, which generally is viewed as being written by an unknown author. I was told Magdalene wrote it, and she did not put her name on it, because it was known that no man would read anything a woman said or wrote about God, Jesus, etc. Hebrews was written to Jews who had accepted Christ, but had fallen back to their old ways, because the discipline was so rugged. They were told they should be teaching, they should be eating meat, but they were still drinking milk. They were urged to return to the cleansing of the Lord, which I was experiencing in spades at that point of time in my life, and it was awful, and it was completely beyond the ken of psychiatry, medicine and church Christianity. Hebrews is about being turned into a priest after the Order Melchizedek forever, in which Order Jesus is high priest. That priesthood is recognized in the Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran and

Mormon sects, but is not really understood by anyone in those sects, who does not experience the training. Women are just as welcome as men in that training, which is about dying and becoming someone else entirely.

In Judaism, the Spirit of God is called Shekinah, female gender. Christendom made the Holy Spirit male. In the Old Testament, Wisdom is assigned the female gender. In the Old Testament is said, fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. The Star of David is the universal symbol of the Melchizedek Order. Jesus was a Jew. Jewish men in that day had a solemn duty to God, to marry and make children. There is nothing in Paul's letters about him being married or having children. He preached men were above women in relationship to Christ. He preached celibacy. His thorn in the flesh was he was gay, and every woman around him knew it.

Judas, who also was of the Order Melchizedek, did precisely what Jesus asked him to do. If Judas had not killed himself, he would have taken over where Jesus left off, and we might never have heard of Paul, whom Christendom quotes far more than it quotes Jesus, in my experience, because Paul is a bit easier to swallow and digest? Judas was not in favor of making miracles, because he felt they distracted from the steep and narrow Jesus was teaching. Today, Christendom has a fast miracle salvation formula, which is not the steep and narrow formula Jesus lived and taught in the Gospels.

Hey American Christians, when are we ever not in church?



It's Sunday, when I was taught the Devil would get me if I didn't attend church by in God we trust on their money people who perhaps never wondered when was Jesus ever not in church?

It's Sunday, after I watched for a week on TV America's most well known Bible salesman's pecker on trial in a New York City courtroom,



and America's Roman Catholic president still helping Israel do this in Gaza and trying to start World War III in the Middle East.



Sometimes I get into stuff because it interests me, sometimes because I'm bored, sometimes because I'm feeling mischievous, sometimes because something a heck of a lot bigger and smarter than me arranged it.

Yesterday's Greetings Christian America from the Melchizedek priesthood in which Jesus is high priest post was an example of something a heck of a lot bigger and smarter than me arranging it.

As was my stumbling across Free Radio Rulo (Nebraska) and its Church of Dudo and Erik Rittenberry's Poetic Outlaws newsletters, where raw truth, beauty, love, irony, irreverence and humor still breathe in an America gone batshit zombie apocalypse crazy.

About two weeks ago, Free Radio Rulo beamed over:

Hey buddy! Would you try your hand at writing a fictitious "letter to the editor"? for next week's "NEWS FROM RULO". It would make my day!

I beamed back:

Ahoy, Wonder Bread truck free radio station Rulu, Nebraska...
I have to say, you are a cornhusker wonder to behold.
I do not say that lightly as a long-time Alabama Crimson Tide fan.
I say it as someone who has shot off his mouth and pen for a very long time, disturbing the self-deemed precious. STATUS QUO.
The HEAD UP WHERE THE SUN NEVER SHINES religion, or should I say, cult?
The POLITICOS and the RELIGIOUS, who FEATHER their and their friends and families' NESTS.
And their LAWYERS' nests.
I am a lawyer, by the way. Or was one. Well, it's probably terminal, like Ebola. But IT takes much longer.
In my past I ran ten times for local public office, claiming God told me to run, if I knew what was good for me.

I detested politics, but I was dragooned in a dream to roll up my sleeves and dive into that raunchy sewer. So, I dove.

I never came close to winning, so I didn't have to ask for a recount.

I always was the minority report, out of the box, the pissant, some might say.

But, my goodness, it actually was some fun, when I wasn't moaning about it.

I named my good morning blogs in salute to the VERY SUBVERSIVE "Good Morning Vietnam", may Robin Williams, the Vietnam war dead and those blogs all rest in peace.

It was many years after that war that I considered JFK, RFK, MLK and Malcom X all got shot dead after they came out against America at war in Vietnam.

I had a pretty big reader following at my blogs.

I spoke hundreds of times at city and county commission meetings, school board and other local government meetings.

I got quoted in local newspapers, one of which likened me to Don Quixote in an editorial cartoon.



I got interviewed by local radio and TV stations.

I gave real estate developers and their lawyers and their captured city and county commissioners hell, and then some.

But dang, I never dreamed of having my own Wonder Bread truck radio station.

I don't now recall how I stumbled across you and instantly recognized a fellow kamikaze pilot, balls to the wall, no sacred cow left un-poked, skewered, drone-missiled.

And to beat all, you are a POET!

The SCANDAL!

Once upon a time, when I lived in Boulder, Colorado, I met a woman disc jockey in Salt Lake City, who had her own morning call in show. She interviewed me several times by telephone, and the Christians and the Momons in Salt Lake lit up the station's phones.

One day we were to entertain the Salt Lake fooks, she called around breakfast to ask if I had heard what was on the news and did I want to still do the interview?

The news was the federal assault of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas.

I said, of course. Just tell your audience ahead of time that you will be interviewing the Devil in Waco.

She laughed.

She did the promo, and oh my God, the station's phone lines started lighting up after she asked me who I was, and I said, The Devil, and where I was, and I said, In Waco, Texas, and why was I there, and I said, to see how people make my work so easy for me that I mostly hang out on Maui staring at half naked beautiful women on beaches. I dunno. It just now occurs to me that maybe that was my first plunge into national politics, or any kind of politics.

Now, I have to tell you this.

Back when I wuz running for local office, you could shoot off your mouth about politics and religion without worrying much about somebody shooting you. But as you have observed, times have really changed, and while I keep shooting off my mouth here and there, it won't surprise me to walk outside some day and look down to see red laser dots on my chest.

So, while I hope you keep on poking the places that deserve poking, this 81+ grandfossil the Smithsonian is still trying to recapture, after it

let me out for a walk one day and I snuck behind a bush and gnawed off the hind foot with the tracker on it and grew another hind foot and hightailed it, also hopes you have plenty of Kevlar and a band of battle angels backing you up, who truly appreciate fools who rush in where angels fear to tread, but if there were no fools, who'd lead the angels?

That one didn't get published out of the Wonder Bread truck, but after further discussion with Free Radio Rulo, I beamed this below over and it was published yesterday, along with other wonders to behold you can enjoy by clicking this link:

<https://freeradorulo.substack.com/p/news-from-rulo-42e>

Letters to the Editor

Greetings Free Radio Rulo and the Church of Dudo!

I'm a member of an advanced special forces team from the Pleiades, investigating how our original seeding here of humans ended up going the way it went? What seemed so perfect for a new colony turned out so unexpected that it caused our scientists back home to wonder if our frozen embryos, after hatching on Earth, were tampered by a different not so happy alien race somewhat like the Kingons in the Star Trek tales. For how humanity turned out was nothing like anything the Seven Sisters races had imagined in our wildest dreams! Our mission here, perhaps impossible, is to try to find out what actually happened and then try do something about it, because the Pleiades races know for a fact that what some Earthlings call karma, we Pleiadeans don't want to visit our home planets because of something we set in motion and perhaps should have stuck around longer to make sure it got off to a good start. Perhaps if we can figure out what went wrong, we can repair it somewhat. We searched for Earthlings to help us in our investigation, and we did find a few here and there who somehow seemed to have dodged the brunt of the damage most of our distant cousins on Earth now experience, and one of those places we found is your Free Radio Rulo and its Church of Dudo. We hope you will grant us an audience and allow us to use your facilities and technology, perhaps augmented somewhat by our technology, to broadcast our

frequencies, which your scientists confuse with various space noises, and also our messages in your English language, which seems to be the main language on Earth today, although the way things are going, that may change in time. So, what do you say? Do you want to join us? It won't cost you any what you call money, and who knows how it might go? We certainly don't have what Earthlings sometimes call a crystal ball. You can call me Star Man, if you like, since my Pleadean name is unpronounceable in any modern human language, and you might wish to watch, if you did not yet do so, the South American film "Man Facing Southeast".

This happened yesterday at Eric Rittenberry's place.

Anaïs Nin: Some Never Awaken

POETIC OUTLAWS

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You live like this, sheltered, in a delicate world, and you believe you are living.

Then you read a book...
or you take a trip...
and you discover that you
are not living, that you
are hibernating.

The symptoms of hibernating are easily detectable: first, restlessness. The second symptom (when hibernating becomes dangerous and might degenerate into death): absence of pleasure.

That is all.

It appears like an innocuous illness.
Monotony, boredom, death.
Millions live like this (or die like this)
without knowing it.
They work in offices.
They drive a car.
They picnic with their families.
They raise children.
And then some shock treatment
takes place, a person, a book, a song,
and it awakens them and saves them
from death.

Some never awaken.

Sloan Bashinsky

poignant-
getting married,
birthing a child and having it die at seven weeks,
birthing two more children
and raising them,
or trying to,
watching them grow from nursing and shitting their cotton diapers
I washed out in a toilet,
watching them learn to walk and fall down and walk, and talk,
watching how curious and full of energy they were,
watching their mother and I grow apart,
watching me not being the father my children needed,
watching my life go to hell,
watching my children have their own struggles,
some their doing,
some because I was not the father they needed.
watching me get married 7 more times,
each wife remarkable,

each wife woke something up in me I did not know was there,
they enriched my life,
I hope the same for them,
since i was not easy to live with,
nor was it easy for me to live with me,
how empty and I suppose boring my life would have been,
but for those women and the three children,
the one who died suddenly
so unhinged me
that I was never thereafter able to fit into the molds and plans
made for me by my ancestors and me,
he broke my heart and set me on my journey,
a dozen different lives in one lifetime,
I did leave the old, many times,
and start anew,
in places where I knew no one,
but now I'm back where I started,
my hometown,
a blue southern city surrounded by MAGA counties,
the local churches seem right where they were when left
and came to wonder when I ever was not in church?
Most people I once knew here
seem where they were when I left the first time in 1986,
I have lived in this same old apartment building three times
after I stopped running away from home,
It was all-white, then it was somewhat integrated, now international,
the Internet makes it a lot easier to run away for a spell,
but everywhere I go,
there I am,
can't run away from me,
nor from many, many memories,
waiting for the Lord to take me,
hopefully before I am in assisted living
or a nursing home
or nut house,

I crawl out of bed each morning
and engage what gets on my plate today,
chop wood, carry water, I suppose

This happened yesterday at religiousforums.com:

How Much Do You Doubt God's Existence?

Nakosis

Non-Binary Physicalist

Premium Member

Is there any room in your belief to doubt God exists?
Or do you believe in God with 100% certainty?

If you're agnostic does that mean you believe there is a 50% chance
God exists and a 50% chance he doesn't?

If you don't believe in God or gods are you 100% certain there is no
God(s)? 90%, 70%?

If you believe in more than one God are there some gods you don't
believe in? How certain that these gods you don't believe in don't
exist?

What do you base this percentage of non-belief on?



Redneck Mystic said:

I know for a fact that God exists by any name people might use, and angels and demons, too, and ETs, as well. But I would be nuts if I thought I could prove it to anyone else. I tell atheists, if there was no God, that topic would never come up. I tell Christians, to the extent they live as Jesus lived and taught in the Gospels, they are saved by him. I tell Christians God doesn't care if someone believes in God or not. What interests God is how people live and relate to other people and the planet.

I wrote about my heaven and earth experiences many times at blogs I published, and now there are around a dozen of my digitized books at the free internet library, archive.org, which is funded and run by colleges in America, and thanks to technology, that library's books can be read in English and about 33 other languages.

Three of my books at the library are novels, which are not entirely all made up, and for grown ups, and the rest of my books there are not made up at all, and for grown ups, but some parts might be viewed by some people as stranger than fiction.

Enter Sloan Bashinsky into the search space and icon links for my books come up, which can be opened and read by clicking on the icon, Free reads, no ads, no soliciting.

Nakosis

I believe what you experienced was 100% real but not necessarily reality.

Redneck Mystic

Belief is just that, belief. If you lived in my skin, you would know what I experienced regarding God, angels, demons, ETs was and continues to be as real as hitting your thumb with a hammer is real.

Hey American Christians, did you ever read in the Gospels that Jesus said many are called but few are chosen?



I read the April 27 post at Radio Free Rulo and saw my letter to the editor from “Star Man”, all of which you can read by clicking on this link, <https://freeradiorulo.substack.com/p/news-from-rulo-42e> .

After thinking awhile, I submitted Star Man’s second submission to Free Radio Rulo:

Ahoy delightful Wonder Bread Truck!

We up here on the Mother Ship read your April 27 cosmic howler with tickled pink interest. However, we do have some curiosity about The Church of Dudo hangs out with The Road Warrior, who got religion, or maybe it got him, and he passionately hung himself on a cross for quite a while in Hollywood, after getting his braveheart self yanked apart by an English king’s horses in Hollywood. We watched those movies back home and we wondered how much of them were made up, and how much of them were for real?

One of our ancestors walked on your planet a couple of thousand of your Earth years ago, and he tried to help people in what is now called Palestine learn to live in a different way, and he got hung on a cross

and hidden in a cave by friends of his, and our ancestral physicians patched him up with technology unfamiliar even now to people of Earth. After he wandered around India for a while, he was beamed back up, and he lived several hundred more Earth years watching how his efforts on Earth were turning out.

As you can imagine, our ancestors were reluctant to set foot again on Earth, but they kept coming around in their spacecraft, which travel much faster than the speed of light, because they felt some responsibility for how it was going with their distant cousins. Our ancestors tried to influence Earth people with what you might liken to radio frequencies designed to affect neural pathways and bring about new ways of thinking and behaving. However, another space faring race came to Earth from a different star system, who were kinda like the Klingons in your Star Trek tales. They learned what our ancestors were up to and fired a few pulse cannon shots across our ancestors' bows, and our ancestors made their ships shift dimensions so the other race could not detect them.

The other race took to tinkering with the people of Earth in ways somewhat reported by your author Whitley Strieber, and further mutations from the Pleiadean DNA occurred. What in your eastern traditions is called the yin was damaged with unfortunate consequences. Based on what you report from your Wonder Bread Truck, we feel we can say with some degree of certainty that the local politicians in Rulo seem determined to prove your Charles Darwin got it backwards: monkeys were intelligent and some of them devolved into humans.

But let us set that aside and look forward. Our scientists think what you are doing in that Wonder Bread Truck and the Church of Dudo creates vibrations your Nicholas Tesla might have appreciated. The vibrations can repair some of the damage done to your ancestral Pleiadean DNA, and we encourage you to keep on doing what you are doing.

However, we hope your wife in Dubai will try to persuade America's President Biden to allow the auto industry to use a device in the U.S. Patent Office, which can be installed in old and new cars and trucks.

The device uses electrolysis to convert water into hydrogen fuel. A sedan equipped with that device can go several hundred miles on a gallon of water. The oil industry will lose its glow, and your planet Earth will live a lot longer, and our distant cousins will live a lot longer, if a nuclear war can be avoided. Our ancestors discovered nuclear fusion eons ago and decided it was too dangerous to use.

As for us, for now, we are beaming frequencies to Earth, which we hope will help our distant cousins develop different perspectives that help them live differently. However, the other spacefaring race might counter our efforts, as they counted our ancestors' efforts, but our technology has evolved. We cannot be seen or affected by the other space faring race, but we can see them, and maybe someday we might deal with them. if will help if you wife can persuade President Biden to release to the general public all of America's classified ET files. That will change our distant cousins' perspectives of just about everything :-).

We offer the poem below as an entry in your upcoming poetry slam.
Star Man over and out

Vexing Truth
Life is Poetry,
Poetry is Life,
There's no more to say,
but that would make God
a really dull boy,
now wouldn't it, Eve?

So, Eve, What say you?
After all, You have been,
still are,
blamed, for everything that went wrong
with hu - MAN - i - ty.
Well, do you really want to hear
what I gotta say?

Is this one of those
be careful what you ask for pregnancies?
Well, is it?
Probably, but say what you wish -
I s'pect you need to be heard.

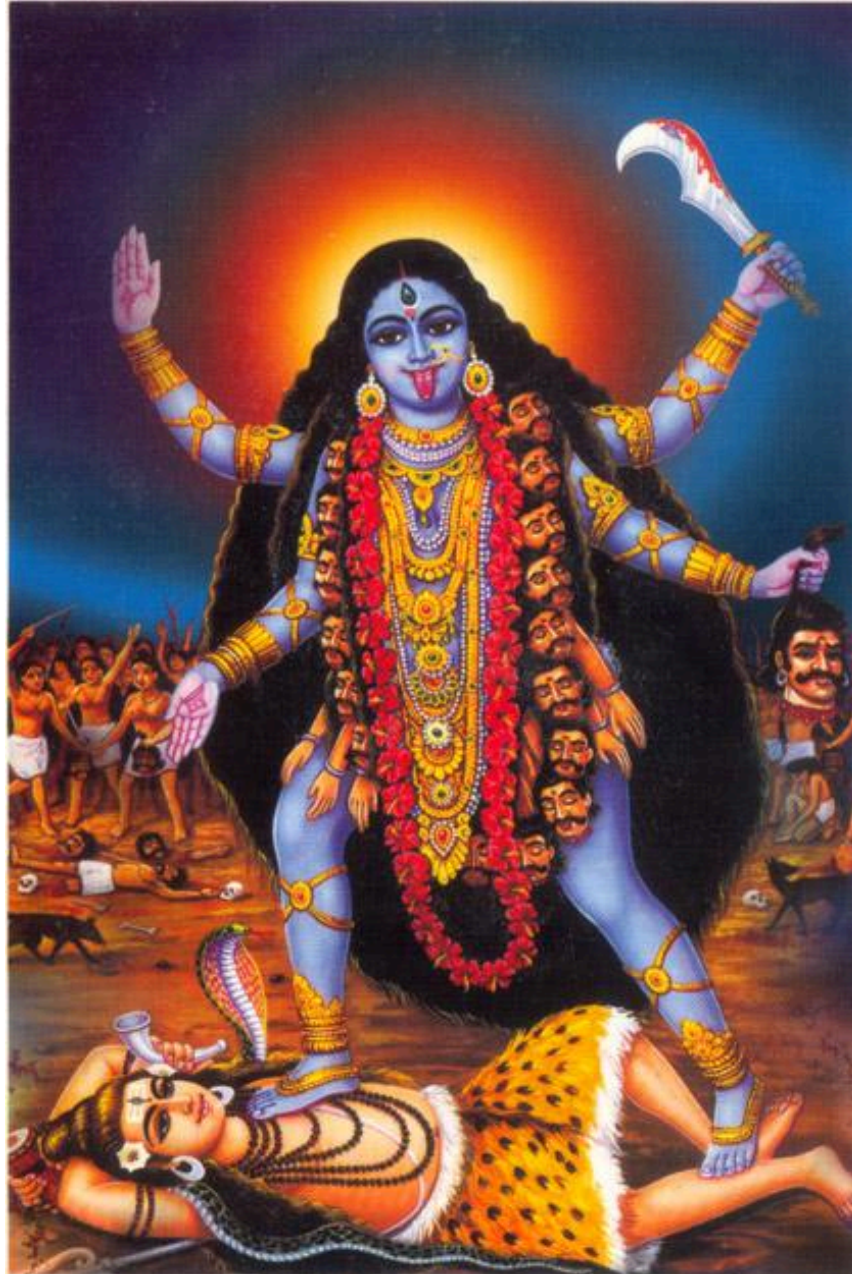
Heard?
Funny you mention ears.
Yes, ears.
Such important receptacles.
Yet filled with concrete,
shit, propaganda, beliefs, certainties,
well, let's not leave out
SUPERSTITION and RELIGION,
now should we?
By the way,
where do ya suppose
God came from?
Or, out of?

And, why do ya s'pose
I made Eve
in my own IMAGE?'
'Cause Adam was
so bored and dull -
so ... predictable
He was BORING!!!
the shit outta me!!!
That's why.

Now
Shusssssh -
Don't go round quoting me
on any of that -
I've had quite enough of the religious right

ta last me
the rest of forever!

Back down on Planet Earth, someone liked something I had commented at Poetic Outlaws Substack newsletter and followed my Substack newsletter, so I subscribed to his Substack newsletter, The Periodical Compass. I read some of his posts which covered a wide range of esoteric spiritual traditions, but it seemed he was rooted in esoteric Hindu tradition, and I wondered if he viewed this art of the Hindu Goddess Kali standing on Shiva to mean Kali doesn't care for how men think?



In the fall of 2002, a woman I was sweet on came to me in a dream and said, “Sloan, you married Kali!” I then was put through yet another season of looking hard at me in the mirror, I came to view the Hindu Goddess of destruction and rebirth sort of like a female version of Jesus in the Gospels.

This morning, I noticed The Periodical Compass has a chat feature, and I opened it and read this below and thought the host is rooted in the esoteric Christian tradition, so told him a little about myself.

Nicholas Morrissey

What Deity did Jesus pray to?

Apr 18

Korey Fool

Strike His Father. Who was his Mother?



Joe

His Daddy!

Nicholas Morrissey

Was his father an entity? or Formless?

Nicholas Morrissey

His mother was Mary :-)

Nicholas Morrissey

Christ did not pray to a female God.

Tali

As far as I know, it was his father, for his father is God.



Nicholas Morrissey

Another way of asking would be: Since so many, including myself pray to both God the Father, and Christ Jesus, His son - did Jesus also have a form to pray to? as we have him in form, and Formlessly.

Jim Ritchie

He left a prayer, but if God is his father and he is part of God, then he would have an interior dialogue, rather than a prayer. What do you think?

Help Everyone
Flying Spaghetti Monster.
Updates From earth

He understood the god hidden within us all, the most well-hidden truth to those who are not enlightened, he had masses of clues to the real nature of the Godhead, not the fearful man made nonsense used as a political truncheon.



Help Everyone

The message was to help everyone. Everything after that - death, resurrection, whatever. The message was help. That's what he died for.

Betsy

Definitely Venus

Nicholas Morrissey

Great answers!

Ashley

Jesus doesn't pray. Jesus saves



Help Everyone

And takes half damage.

Nicholas Morrissey

Jesus prayed constantly.

Nicholas Morrissey

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do".

Nicholas Morrissey

He also taught his disciples and therefore the rest of the world, 'The Lord's Prayer'.

Help Everyone

I was told "never stop learning." I was told "never give up." I was told "share and be kind." I am only followin...

Although sometimes the priests prey.

Maureen

The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit of God are one. Yeshua prayed to His Father. He, Yeshua, was born into the world a human, not with the power of God, but lived as a human. That was the point. Once He ascended into heaven He joined with His Father and will be the arbiter of judgment, an intercessor for His followers, and not for those who rejected Him. Those who have not seen the light will not be judged by it however no one is without sin which cannot enter into the presence of the Father. It is for this reason that while on the cross, He cried out " my God, why have you forsaken me". Once He bore the weight of the sins of man, His Father had had to withdraw from Him. It's possible that man, unredeemed, would not survive being in the presence of God. When God passed before Moses, He covered Moses with his "hand" so that Moses would not die. Mary, the mother of Yeshua, is not an intercessor. She was surely blessed but also bore great sorrow. While she was a simple human, I'm sure the Father, the Son and the Spirit would take offense to crude or vulgar references to her. In fact crude and vulgar language is a sin. One I am guilty of and sometimes try to rein in with occasional success.

Help Everyone

Good way to get everyone to block you.

Sloan Bashinsky

In Gethsemane, knowing what lay ahead, Jesus prayed, Luke 22:42, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine be done." In that prayer, Jesus did not view himself

as God. Nor in the Lord's prayer, "Our Father who art in Heaven, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done," did Jesus view himself as God. So, how did the early church make Jesus God? How did the early church make the Holy Spirit male, when in Jesus's tradition, the spirit of God was called Shekinah, gender female? In the Old Testament, Wisdom is assigned the female gender. How does an all male God reproduce, except by cloning itself? Is the all male Christian Trinity homosexual? In March 2004, I was asked by the angel Michael in my sleep, "What do you think of the species?" I was having a really rough go at that time. Every day for some time, I was receiving caustic energy shocks in my body and soul, because I was not getting right what I was being asked to do, because I was operating from my male energy, when I needed to be operating from my female energy, my yin, my anima. I felt like I was being taken over by Lucifer. I woke up and said I did not like being asked that question, but since I was asked, my answer is, the species has lost its creativity and is cloning itself spiritually and is devolving. Look at the mess I am, after all the help angels have given me. If what angels did for me is done for humanity, perhaps 500,000 individuals will survive it. Perhaps more kind to remove humanity from this planet and put it somewhere it has a better chance of moving forward, instead of backward. Later I reduced the number to 50,000 survivors. Later I reduced the number to 5,000. Later I reduced it to 500.

I subscribed to this platform recently and read several of your posts, Nicholas. This morning, I saw the chat option, and that's how I got here. I wonder what your everyday life is like? I wonder how you engage the grist mill each day serves up? As I read Jesus in the Gospels, that was his way, and the way he taught in the Gospels. For him, actions spoke louder, yet how many times have I heard Christians say, works cannot get anyone into heaven? Yet Jesus's brother James said in his letter, not to ask him about his faith, but look to his works and see his faith there.

I'm a mystic. I never had a human spiritual teacher, although I have known many people who did have a human teacher. Once, a Sufi teacher tried to convince me that God had sent me to him to learn the

way of the heart, and I asked the Sufi who was St. Francis of Assisi's teacher? The Sufi said he did not know. I said St. Francis had no human teacher, he was captured by Jesus. In that moment, something not of this world came between the Sufi and me. I got gooseflesh, the hairs on my arms stood up, tears came to my eyes. The Sufi was aware of what had joined us. I said, "You see?" I had been alerted beforehand that something interesting was going to happen and to stay on my toes.

In the Gospels Jesus told the men disciples that a student could not be greater than his teacher, but they could become like him, and even greater works than he did, they would do. He also told them that he taught the masses in parables, but in secret he taught them what wise men and kings would give all they had to possess. What did he teach them in secret, which is not told in the Gospels?

The disciples were still children when Jesus left them. After they received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the seeds Jesus had planted in them were sprouted and the Holy Spirit grew them into men God could use. Now they were born again. And then their walk with God really began.

As Jesus had to do in the wilderness, and later, they had to deal with their demonic twin, which every person has. There was no quick salvation. It was a work in progress. To the extent they lived as Jesus lived and taught them to live, they were saved by him. His baptism was not in water, but was in fire and spirit, which is at the core of every spiritual tradition.

In the Islam mystic Sufi tradition is a saying, "Let God kill him who himself does not know and yet presumes to show others the way to the door of His Kingdom."

In Proverbs is a saying, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

In Matthew, Jesus says, "For many are called, but few are chosen."

So, how did the early church get the notion that all someone had to do to be saved by Jesus was to believe he was the Son of God and he died on the cross for their sins?

And, how did early church come up with the notion that only people saved by Jesus in that way died and went to heaven, and every one else died and went to hell forever?

Could it be that such cheap salvation was a bit more attractive than the steep and narrow Jesus in Gospels lived and taught?

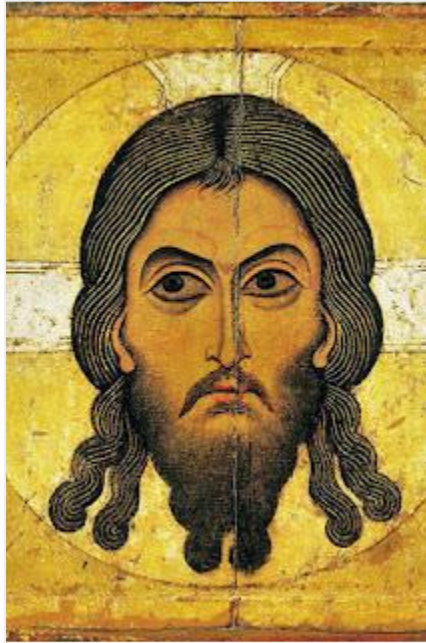
Could it be that the easier it was to be saved by Jesus, the more saved people there were, and the more money they gave to the early church?

I dunno, maybe In God's eyes we are all homeless?

One Sunday afternoon in 2001, I stood back toward the end of a long line waiting to be served a meal by Glad Tidings Tabernacle Church in Key West. One of the church members told us, if we were saved by Jesus, we would not be homeless. I said pretty loud, "What's wrong with being homeless, Jesus was homeless!" I paused, said, "Every person in this line, except a Jewish man, has been saved several times by Jesus, and we are homeless.

After being served my lunch, I went off alone under a tree and began eating. A young pastor named Mark walked over and asked me why had said Jesus was homeless? I asked Mark if he had read his Bible? He asked what did I mean? I said, in the Gospels, Jesus said he was homeless. Mark asked where in the Gospels? I said, when a man told Jesus he wanted to follow him and Jesus said the foxes have their dens and the birds have their nests and the Son of Man has no place to lay his head. Mark said that didn't mean Jesus was homeless. I said it certainly did mean that. Mark said Jesus could have stayed in his mother's home. I asked Mark, where in the Gospels does it say Jesus ever stayed in his mother's home?

Hey America religious right, what would you do to Jesus if he walked among you today?



What church did the not exactly white guy Jesus attend?

In the Gospels when Jesus was around 12, he went into a temple and turned the Jewish elders upside down and inside out with his views of the Scriptures. During his ministry, Jesus went into a temple with his male disciples, and when one of them mocked a woman for only putting a small coin in the offering box, Jesus rebuked the disciple by saying the woman gave all she had! Later, Jesus went into a temple with a whip, alone, where merchants, money changers and gamblers were doing business, and he chased them out of the temple for defiling it, and that is what got him crucified at the behest of the local Jewish leaders.

As far as I recall, those were the only times in the Gospels when Jesus went into a temple, and those three stories tell very well what Jesus

thought about temples in his day. Jesus was in church wherever he was. I imagine if Jesus were in America today, doing and saying what he did and said in the Gospels, he would be killed by the American religious right.

The best movie I ever saw about church is "Brother Son Sister Moon", which is about Francis of Assisi and his childhood sweetheart Claire. Every person in Christendom should be required to see that movie, and in that way see what Jesus meant when he asked Francis to help him restore his church. Francis thought it was an old broken down into rubble church in the countryside. But in time, Francis realized it was Christendom Jesus wanted him to restore.

Yesterday brought an email from a Mountain Brook, Alabama aka The Tiny Kingdom native I met when she was in diapers. A professional sculptress, who I never heard talk about attending church, she created The Four Spirits sculpture in the Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument Park in Birmingham, and then she caught a lot of flack from residents of The Tiny Kingdom.



The sculpture represents the ascension of the spirits of 4 young black girls who died when Atlanta Klansmen bombed the 16th Street Baptist Church, killing numerous black people worshiping God.

From: Elizabeth MacQueen

xxxxxxx@icloud.com>

Date: April 27, 2024 at 10:08:21 AM CDT

To: Bash/Sloan Bashinsky <sloanbashinsky@yahoo.com>

Subject: Tried to email before. This was for the religious bs and government.

Print any part. Idiots all totally ignorant of our constitution

AND

why our ancestors arrived in Jamestown (mine absolutely and not as cargo)

Religion and State = Separate

Bash, it's too late

Read Malcolm Gladwell.

The Tipping Point has passed

Read Naomi Klein

"The Shock Doctrine"

and Economist March 2024

Men becoming more misogynistic.

Love you

Bibber/a

Elizabeth included a photo of her letter to the editor published in the Mobile Register. I hand-typed it into a document.

Religion Racism (Register, "Can Government Acknowledge God? October 23, 2002)

I thought the judges on courts were to remain free of blatant personal bias in order to perform their duties fairly and intelligently. The "monument is an acknowledgement of God", said Moore attorney Melchior. What right, and I mean legal and moral right, does a supreme court judge pursue his own agenda within an environment that is a judicial refuge for all citizens. Moore has succeeded in getting this private agenda before the public, which was his original intention to begin with. Well, well, well. I never realized Moses needed advertising. Maybe we should borrow Michelangelo's marble statue of Moses from Italy. No. that wouldn't work since Moore in his innate stupidity has said, "It's a monument that sits there and doesn't tell anyone to do something." I guess the Statue of Liberty is silent also. The Lincoln Memorial? The statue by De Weldon of the soldiers raising the flag in Iwo Jima? The Vietnam Wall memorial? How about a no-brainer? Christ on the cross. Get these idiots out of the paper and off the federal dole into their chosen church where they can preach all they want.

I went online and read what Wikipedia had to say about Malcom Gladwell and Naomi Klein, and then I replied to Elizabeth:

Thanks-

My criminal law professor, Clinton McGee, graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law and joined the U.S. Army JAG Corps and was sent to Germany and defended Nazis at Nuremberg,

and was doing such a good job getting them off, he was switched to prosecuting Nazis, who did not get off. When McGee had Roy Moore as a student at the Alabama School of Law some years after I graduated, McGee named Moore "Fruit Cake". I lived in Boulder, Colorado when Fruit Cake got elected Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court the first time, and he posted the 10 Commandments in the Supreme Court building and a federal judge and the Alabama Court of the Judiciary relieved him of duty. After Fruit Cake got elected again, and was Godifying the Supreme Court building again, he was similarly relieved of duty again.

Fruit Cake's devout Christian fanatic career is summed up in Wikipedia:

Roy Stewart Moore (born February 11, 1947) is an American politician, lawyer, and jurist who served as [chief justice](#) of the [Supreme Court of Alabama](#) from 2001 to 2003 and again from 2013 to 2017, each time being removed from office for [judicial misconduct](#) by the [Alabama Court of the Judiciary](#). He was the [Republican Party](#) nominee in the [2017 U.S. Senate special election in Alabama](#) to fill the seat vacated by [Jeff Sessions](#), but [was accused by several women of sexually assaulting them while they were underage](#) and lost to [Democratic](#) candidate [Doug Jones](#).^{[1][2]} Moore ran for the same Senate seat again in 2020 and lost the Republican primary.^[3]

Moore attended [West Point](#) and served as a company commander in the [Military Police Corps](#) during the [Vietnam War](#). After graduating from the [University of Alabama Law School](#), he joined the [Etowah County](#) district attorney's office, serving as an [assistant district](#)

[attorney](#) from 1977 to 1982. In 1992, he was appointed as a circuit judge by Governor [Guy Hunt](#) to fill a vacancy, and was elected to the position at the next term. In 2001, Moore was elected to the position of chief justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama. Moore was removed from his position in November 2003 by the Alabama Court of the Judiciary for refusing a [federal court](#)'s order to remove a marble monument of the [Ten Commandments](#) that he had placed in the rotunda of the [Alabama Judicial Building](#).

Moore sought the Republican nomination for the [governorship](#) of Alabama in [2006](#) and [2010](#), but lost in the primaries. Moore was elected again as chief justice in 2013, but he was suspended in May 2016, for defying a [U.S. Supreme Court](#) decision about [same-sex marriage](#) (*Obergefell v. Hodges*), and resigned in April 2017.^{[4][5]} On September 26, 2017, he won a primary runoff to become the Republican candidate in a special election for a U.S. Senate seat that had been vacated by Jeff Sessions.^[6]

In November 2017, during his [special election campaign](#) for U.S. Senate, several public allegations of [sexual misconduct](#) were made against Moore.^[7] Three women stated that he had [sexually assaulted](#) them when they were at the respective ages of 14, 16 and 28;^{[7][8]} six other women reported that Moore – then in his 30s – pursued sexual relationships with them while they were as young as 16. Moore acknowledged that he may have approached and dated teenagers while he was in his 30s, but denied sexually assaulting anyone.^{[9][10]} President [Donald Trump](#) endorsed Moore a week before the election,^[11] after which some Republicans withdrew their opposition to Moore. Democrat Doug Jones won the election, becoming the first Democrat [since 1992](#) to win a U.S. Senate seat in Alabama.^[12]

Moore's political views have been characterized as [far-right](#) and [Christian nationalist](#).^[13] He has attracted national media attention and controversy over his views on [race](#), [homosexuality](#), [transgender](#) people, and [Islam](#), his belief that [Christianity](#) should order public policy,^{[14][15]} and his past ties to [neo-Confederate](#) and [white-nationalist](#) groups.^{[16][17][18][19][20]} Moore was a leading voice in the "[birther](#)" [movement](#), which promoted the false claim that president [Barack Obama](#) was not born in the United States.^{[21][22]} He founded the [Foundation for Moral Law](#), a non-profit legal organization from which he collected more than \$1 million over five years. On its tax filings, the organization indicated a much lesser amount of pay to Moore.^[23]

As you know, Doug Jones was the US Attorney in Birmingham who prosecuted and convicted the Alanta Klansmen who bombed the 16th Street Baptist church. While Fruit Cake certainly proved Professor McGee had sized him up quite well, the cosmic truth is Moore is a proxy for the legions of right wing religious freaks in Alabama and America, all the way up to the U.S. Congress and the United States Supreme Court, while the Bible salesman Donald Trump's pecker is being criminally prosecuted in a New York City state court with the help of the prosecution's lead witness, former editor of the National Enquirer, David Pecker.

Elizabeth also sent this letter to the editor:

Mobile Register

Letter to the Editor

State Lottery would be good for education.

Reading the Mobile Register on June 9, I was struck by the irony of two coinciding articles—one on Gov. Don Siegelman's lottery for education ("Lottery: Siegelman's big gamble"), and the other an article that belabored the inadequate and failing educational system ("Equitable schools?")

In the United States, Alabama continues to "bottom feed" at 49th place. However, Siegelman must be doing something right, as the educational article did show graduating seniors had graduated to 35th place.

For those of you who voted against the lottery the first time 'round, here are a few provocative thoughts you might never have considered.

Have you ever filled out a Reader's Digest contest in hopes of Ed McMahon ringing your doorbell with a handful of colorful balloons and that gargantuan check?

How about bingo at your community center or church?

Did you ever fill out a form to win a car, money, vacation, trip to Disneyland, or a Carnival Cruise?

Did you ever give your child 25 cents to put in the gum machine at Blockbuster for a free video?

Next time you are filling out one of those grocery promos or rubbing all the metallic ink to reveal your surprise winnings underneath, remember our children and vote yes,

Who knows? We could shock the nation. Wouldn't that be fun?

Elizabeth MacQueen

Fairhope

To which I replied:

The very early tipping shock point twist in *HEAVY WAIT: A Strange Tale* is the love of Riley Strange's life, the white witch heal the sick and lame animals veterinarian Mary Lou Snow, wins \$14,000,000 dollars in the Alabama state lottery birthed by Governor Don Sigelman in a parallel universe, and on her drive back from Montgomery to Birmingham with the loot, her car has a tire blow out and she returns to the Mother Ship much sooner than expected and leaves Riley cursing \$14,000,000 fucking dollars!! After nearly boozing himself to death, followed by a really strange stint in Hillcrest Hospital for the mentally ill, the rest of Riley's life begins when he meets Willa Sue Jenkins at a roadside produce stand outside Apalachicola, Florida. She looks just like Mary Lou, but is twice as big, A sho nuff paradise matting stemwinder, with plenty of run-ins with religious freaks and their political kissin' cousins, the storyline was given to me by a street performer I met in Key West. His jaw dropped when I told him I had lived half of the storyline the year before.

The Blacksmith says the way to make Mexico stop the southern border invasion pronto is cut off gringo dollars :-)



Vulcan atop Red Mountain in Birmingham, Alabama

I have a woman friend who married a Frenchman and they lived and worked a good while in France and in Birmingham, Alabama. She is bilingual and has dual citizenship. I met them around 1999, when we lived in the old apartment building where she and I now live today. He died a few years later, and one night he came to her in a dream and they talked about stuff, which he hoped would help her move on. Last night, she told me that she had dreamed about her own death to help her prepare for it. She is from Long Island and she worked in New York City and is very familiar with Donald Trump. She is appalled at what America has become.

We have a mutual friend, whom I have known since childhood. A fabulous sculptress, she lived long stretches in Mexico, Canada and Europe, and she speaks their languages. She is not impressed with Donald

Trump and is appalled with what America has become. She recently was commissioned to do a sculpture that might cause radical Islam to come after her the way it came after Salman Rushdie after this book *The Satanic Verses* was published. When I asked her if she was trying to get killed, she said everyone dies and she had heard that getting sliced up by a machete stops hurting after a while.

Both amigas urged me to get a passport so that I can leave America if it goes totally off the rails. I told them that I'm glad they can do that, but I don't have a passport and am too old and ailing physically to make such a move, and I have two doctors who keep patching me up so I can keep peeing and shooting off my mouth and painting bullseyes on my front and back. I told the gal from Long Island last night that America is the leaky ship I'm on, and in a gallows or dark humor way, the religious freaks and the politicians left and right in America provide plenty to entertain and get me into mischief.

Yesterday, my tech friend Bob, who is the reason The Redneck Mystic Lawyer Podcast came into existence and quite a few of my books are free reads in the internet library, archive.org, and I will live quite a while on this world after my body gives up the ghost, texted me:

Have you seen anything from a Democrat in Washington DC that accurately deals with the US Mexico border? I know nothing has been done or even given lip service by Republicans. It is very difficult to see any solutions coming from our current groups of politicians.

Around dawn today, I dreamed about a fellow named Pablo and Mexicans. Yesterday and last night, I read online and saw on TV that Donald Trump promised to shut down America's southern border and deport a lot of Spanish people back to Mexico, if he is elected. I read online yesterday that Mexico has started stopping people from leaving Mexico for America. Pablo Escobar, the Columbian cocaine lord, and the Mexican drug cartels just naturally came to mind.

I replied to Bob this morning.

I think I dreamed about this last night. I think three things got Trump elected in 2016. The Democrats ran crooked Hillary Clinton; Trump promised America's Christian right that he would put their ilk on the US Supreme Court; and Trump promised he would build a wall between America and Mexico, and Mexico would pay for it. Trump got some of the wall built, and it had no noticeable effect on the invasion from Mexico, and Mexico paid nothing for the wall that had no noticeable effect. President Biden and most Democrats think the more Spanish people allowed in through Mexico, the better. I think they have lost their fucking minds and are making the Mexican and Columbian drug cartels feel like they died and went to heaven. All Trump had to do when he was President to make Mexico stop the invasion, which Biden could have done, was stop Mexican manufactured products and services and fruits and vegetables from coming into America, and stop Americans from going to Mexico with their money, and stop people in America from sending money to people in Mexico, until Mexico stopped the invasion. How long with no gringo dollars before Mexico stopped the invasion? A month? That the very stable Wharton School of Finance graduate Make America Great Again geious did not do that when he was president demonstrates just how fucking dumb he really is. Or, he figured it out but didn't want the cartels to send machetes after him. Or, his balls are so small that his dick couldn't think about anything but the next pussy he would grab. That his adoring MAGAs didn't call him out on that speaks volumes about their grey matter and patriotism. Santa Anna is laughing his fucking ass off.

In an entirely different blacksmith humor universe, this happened yesterday at The Periodical Compass Sutstack newsletter:

POETRY

The Blacksmith's Poem

My Poems



*I—a blacksmith,
Hath forged my way o'er steel and fire,
Upon beckoned hands and molten metal
I layeth down sword and shield.
I fan the flames of the furnace.
Chiseled in the ages rests my frame,
Hammering of the efforts draweth out
the iron of my life.
Copper, Silver, and Gold composeth
the whole alloy of mine own spine.
The Lord hath quenched my flame,
and again I am aflame anew,
Casting aside all doubt,
tempering each shaping
of mine own life.
I—a blacksmith,
Hath forged my way.*



Sloan Bashinsky | Substack

In the spring of 1995, this poem fell out of me in my home in Boulder, Colorado:

Earth-
the sacred prism
through which souls are refracted
into their elemental parts,
purified in Holy Fire,
then one-forged
and sent on their way
to not even God knows where,
simply because they are all
unique emanations of God,
Evolving...

A few months passed and I dreamed of a huge, black, ominous storm headed toward me. On waking, I went into a trance and was lying on

my back on a huge black anvil under a huge black blacksmith
pounding me with his huge black hammer in his red hot forge. I came
out of the trance and this poem leaped out of me.

I am the blacksmith

This storm is my forge

You are my carbon gemsteel

I hammer into my black diamond lasersword

to cut lightning and thunder into stars and gold

and slice hail and snow into diamonds and rainbows

A few months later, my marriage suddenly ended.

I went to Nepal, after the travel agent said good luck getting a flight on
such short notice, and I asked her to look anyway, and she was
astonished to find a flight out in a few days.

I took a bus from Kathmandu to Pokhara, to trek up to Annapurna
Base camp. I was really out of shape, and I was traveling alone and
moving very slowly.

Exhausted, wet from rain, cold from altitude, emotionally wrecked,
flooded with dreams, visions and revelations that could not have come
from anything Carl Jung would have recognized, I went to sleep in a
lodge where I had stopped and had a hot shower, a 1-gallon metal
bucket of hot water for 50 cents, to use to soap down head to foot and
put the bucket above my head and rinse my hair and body. I ate
dinner, decided to give up and head back to Pokhara, and went to
sleep.

I dreamed of riding my bicycle where I had lived before flying to Nepal
up the road from Homewood past the statue of Vulcan the Blacksmith
on Red Mountain overlooking Birmingham, my hometown. Half way up
the grade, I gave up and turned the bicycle back down toward

Homewood and lost control of the bicycle and was headed into a wreck off the road when I woke up.

I decided to keep trekking up to Annapurna Base Camp, which is where mountain climbers staged before climbing huge peaks that dwarfed the Colorado Rockies. The next morning, the rain was gone, the sun warmed me up and I felt reborn and resumed the trek upward.

On my right side was Fishtail Mountain, its peak looked like a whale's tail. It was said the gods lived there and people not from Nepal were not allowed on it.

I spent some time beside a beautiful whitewater river, which my canoe, kayak, C-1 and C-2 river rat friends and I would have loved to paddle back when I was a river rat. I was exhausted and I said out loud that I never wanted to climb another mountain.

When I reached Annapurna Base Camp and checked into the lodge, the sky was clear. I took my 50-cent shower and had my 1 dollar meal, dal bhat, which all the sherpas, porters and trek guides took at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. every day. I went to bed with the other trekkers, looking forward to getting up to see the sun come up over Fishtail and light up the towering peaks across from it.

The next day was foggy, and trekkers from all over the world and I hung out in the lodge drinking tea, sharing stories, playing cards, and eating meals. Same the next day. The next morning was clear, and we walked up a hill behind the lodge to watch the sunrise.

As the sun cleared Fishtail and lit up the towering peaks, I saw the blacksmith in front of the peaks, as tall as they were. I went down onto one knee, thinking I would hear, "The father and I are one." Instead, I heard, "The son and I are one. The son and I are one." I was trembling, holding back tears, wondering what that meant?

I walked down to the lodge, paid my bill, and headed back down, having no clue how many more mountains I would climb, how many

more whitewater rivers I would paddle, how many more furnaces I would be in- not imagining the hurricanes, tornadoes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis I would be in- nor how many cobras and black widows would bite me, nor how many lions, tigers, bears, great white sharks, orcas, crocodiles and T-Rexes would eat me. And, I would somehow survive.

It would be years before my addled mind realized the blacksmith was the Christ, who would be joined by Melchizedek, and later by Kali, and they all had at me in their forges over and over and over again. I take no credit for any of it, except I didn't kill myself, and for all know, something stayed my hand.

Democrat President Biden and Israel's religious war in Gaza (WWIII?) vs. Democrat President Johnson and Defense Secretary McNamara's capitalistic war in Vietnam



Gloria Steinem wrote a book entitled, "The Truth Will Set You Free, But First It Will Piss You Off."

The increasing large not so nice student protests in American colleges against President Biden and the U.S. Congress giving Israel weapons and munitions to destroy Gaza kinda reminds me of college students protesting against America's war in Vietnam.

Kinda.

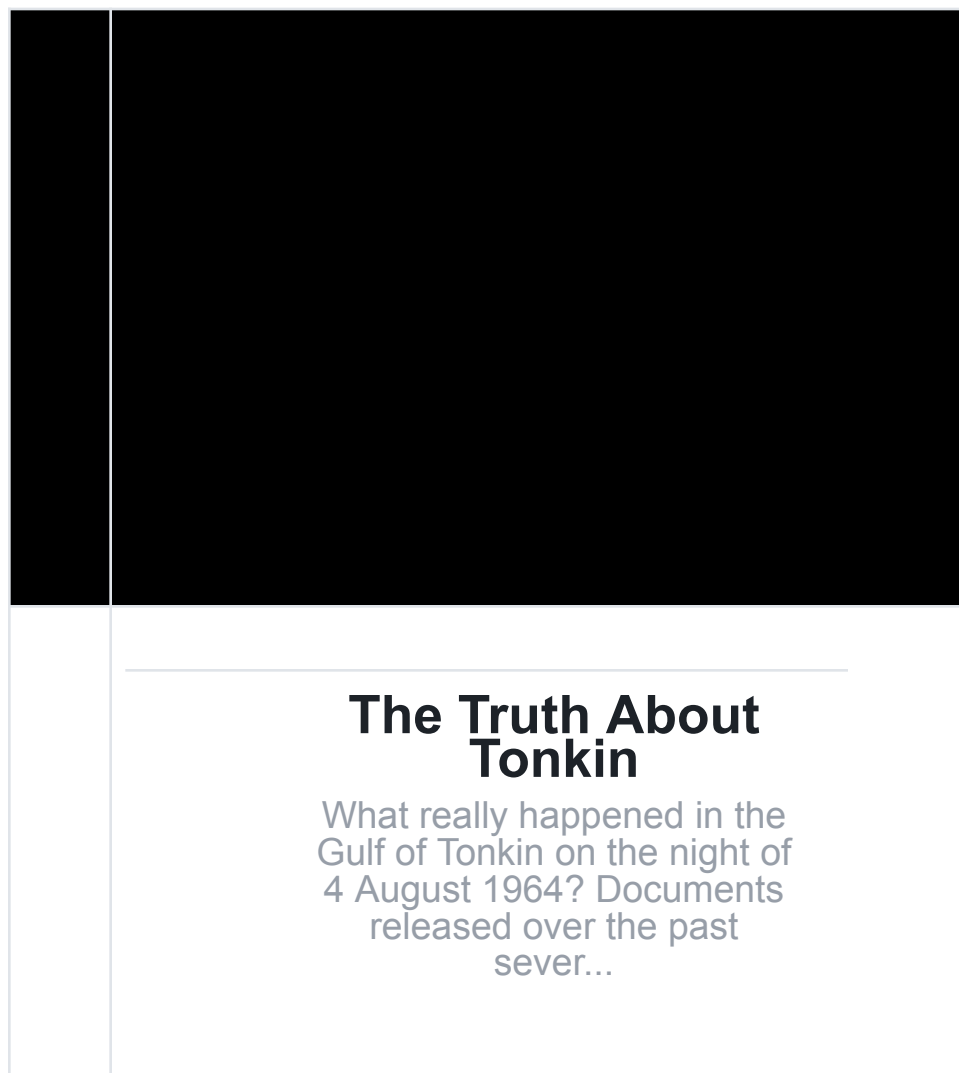
After coming out against America being at war in Vietnam, President John F. Kennedy, his U.S. Senator presidential candidate Bobby Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcom X were shot dead.

After Ricard Nixon won the presidential election on a campaign he had a secret plan to end the war in Vietnam, which turned out to be turning the war over to the South Vietnamese government and bringing his troops home. Years later, McNamara's bool, *In Retrospect: The Tragedies and Lessons of Vietnam*, in which he said maybe it was a mistake, but not big enough a mistake for him not to accept a lot of money from his publisher and speaker fees for writing about his mistake.

It came out later that Tonkin Gulf resolution, passed by the U.S. Congress, authorizing President Lyndon Johnson, to wage war in Vietnam, *after he had promised on national television that he would never send American boys to die in a war in Asia*, was cooked up by President Johnson and his Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara.

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[The Truth About Tonkin](#)



<https://www.usni.org/magazines/naval-history-magazine/2008/february/truth-about-tonkin#:~:text=These%20new%20documents%20and%20tapes,the%20evidence%20and%20mislead%20Congress.>

This happened on President Nixon's watch:

Wikipedia:

The **Kent State shootings** (also known as the **May 4 massacre** and the **Kent State massacre**^{[3][4][5]}) were the killing of four and wounding of nine unarmed college students by the **Ohio National Guard** on the **Kent State University** campus. The shootings took place on May 4, 1970, during a rally opposing the **expanding involvement of the Vietnam War into Cambodia** by United States military forces as well as protesting the **National Guard** presence on campus and the **draft**.

Twenty-eight National Guard soldiers fired about 67 rounds over 13 seconds, killing four students and wounding nine others, one of whom suffered permanent **paralysis**. Students **Allison Krause**, 19, **Jeffrey Glenn Miller**, 20, and **Sandra Lee Scheuer**, 20, died on the scene, while **William Knox Schroeder**, 19, was pronounced dead at **Robinson Memorial Hospital** in nearby Ravenna shortly afterward.^{[6][7]}

Krause and Miller were among the more than 300 students who gathered to protest the expansion of the Cambodian campaign, which President **Richard Nixon** had announced in an April 30 television address. Scheuer and Schroeder were in the crowd of several hundred others who had been observing the proceedings more than 300 feet (91 m) from the firing line; like most observers, they watched the protest during a break between their classes.^{[8][9]}

The shootings triggered immediate and massive outrage on campuses around the country. It increased participation in the **student strike** that began on May 1. Ultimately, more than 4 million students participated in organized walk-outs at hundreds of universities, colleges, and high schools. The shootings and the strike affected public opinion at an

already socially contentious time over the [role of the United States in the Vietnam War](#).^[10]

Eight of the shooters were charged with [depriving the students of their civil rights](#), but were acquitted in a [bench trial](#). The trial judge stated, "It is vital that state and National Guard officials not regard this decision as authorizing or approving the use of force against demonstrators, whatever the occasion of the issue involved. Such use of force is, and was, deplorable."^[11]

Most Vietnam war demonstrations were peaceful, except for an organization called The Weathermen.

Wikipedia

The **Weather Underground** was a [far-left](#) Marxist militant organization first active in 1969, founded on the [Ann Arbor](#) campus of the [University of Michigan](#).^[2] Originally known as the **Weathermen**, the group was organized as a faction of [Students for a Democratic Society](#) (SDS) national leadership.^[3] Officially known as the **Weather Underground Organization(WUO)** beginning in 1970, the group's express political goal was to create a revolutionary party to overthrow the United States government, which WUO believed to be [imperialist](#).

The [FBI](#) described the WUO as a [domestic terrorist](#) group,^[4] with revolutionary positions characterized by [Black Power](#) and opposition to the [Vietnam War](#).^[3] The WUO took part in domestic attacks such as the jailbreak of [Timothy Leary](#) in 1970.^{[5][6]} The "[Days of Rage](#)" was the WUO's first riot in October 1969 in Chicago, timed to coincide with the trial of the [Chicago Seven](#). In 1970, the group issued a "Declaration of a State of War" against the United States government under the name "Weather Underground Organization."^[7]

In the 1970s, the WUO conducted a bombing campaign targeting government buildings and several banks. Some attacks were preceded by evacuation warnings, along with threats identifying the particular matter that the attack was intended to protest. Three

members of the group were killed in an accidental [Greenwich Village townhouse explosion](#), but none were killed in any of the bombings. The WUO communiqué issued in connection with the bombing of the [United States Capitol](#) on March 1, 1971, indicated that it was "in protest of the [U.S. invasion of Laos](#)". The WUO asserted that its May 19, 1972 bombing of the [Pentagon](#) was "in retaliation for the [U.S. bombing raid in Hanoi](#)". The WUO announced that its January 29, 1975 bombing of the [United States Department of State](#) building was "in response to the escalation in Vietnam".^{[7][8]}

The WUO began to disintegrate after the United States reached a peace accord in Vietnam in 1973,^{[9][page needed]} and it was defunct by 1977. Some members of the WUO joined the [May 19th Communist Organization](#) and continued their activities until that group disbanded in 1985.

The group took its name from [Bob Dylan](#)'s lyric "You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows", from the song "[Subterranean Homesick Blues](#)" (1965).^[10] That Dylan line was also the title of a position paper distributed at an SDS convention in Chicago on June 18, 1969. This founding document called for a "White fighting force" to be allied with the "Black Liberation Movement" and other radical movements^[11] to achieve "the destruction of U.S. imperialism and form a [classless](#) communist world".^[12]

In 1999, I took up with a woman from Ohio, who said she was one of the Kent State students sitting on the ground protesting the war in Vietnam when the Ohio National Guard opened fire on them. She and the other students who were not shot jumped up and ran away in a pod being chased by the Guardsmen. She veered left and the pod went right and she escaped. She was so disturbed that she joined the Weathermen and carried explosives in her daypack for them to different locations on the Ohio State campus. After a while, she decided that was not right for her and she quit doing it and burrowed in and kept her head down. While we were together, she was terrified of police, as a result of the Kent State shooting. She was the Muse and the model for Willa Sue Jenkins in my novel *HEAVY*

WAIT: A Strange Tale, now a free read at the internet library, archive.org.
<https://archive.org/details/sellingyourhomew0000bash>

Here are other juicy morsels about the Vietnam war, which never made it into American history books.

While I was a student at the University of Alabama School of Law, married men such as myself became exposed to the Vietnam war draft. My wife got pregnant and they weren't drafting fathers. My son was born and in the seventh week he died of what then was called crib death. I went back and forth between applying for a student deferment, which meant inducted upon graduation, joining the U.S. Marine Corps, or doing nothing and seeing if I would be drafted by the war draft lottery.

Finally, I drove from Tuscaloosa to Birmingham and filled out an application for a student deferment at the Draft Board. About two weeks later, my wife realized she was pregnant. I drove back to the Draft Board and told the woman behind the desk, who helped me before, what had happened, and could I undo the deferment? She said the deferment was irrevocable. She walked over to a green filing cabinet and opened it and pulled out my file and opened it to show me what I had signed, and said some mistake had been made. I asked, what mistake? She said I signed the wrong form and would have to apply again for a deferment. I laughed and said I would keep my father deferment and walked out of there feeling like the weight of the world had been lifted off me by God.

Many years later, I met a woman online, who after reading about that at my blog, said she'd heard many stories of that happening at that draft board, where her husband's mother had worked, and she thought it was her mother-in-law who was behind it. I did not ask her if her mother in law might have done it for white boys, but not for black boys. Dr. King and Malcom X viewed the Vietnam war as a rich white American man's war, which it was. As was every American war after that.

In 1988, my father invited me to attend a Downtown Birmingham Rotary Club luncheon with him. This was a top shelf club, its members were prominent or children of prominent members. The guest speaker was the CEO (or President or Executive Director) of the *National Geographic* magazine. His topic was "Getting to Know Our Neighbors." He said the Geographic had come to think many conflicts between nations were caused, at least in part, by people not knowing much about people in other countries. He said a study had revealed that 95 percent of American high school and college students could not locate Vietnam on a map.

After the man from the *Geographic* finished his talk, he invited questions. The first question was, "Did the *Geographic* have a position on the Vietnam war?" The speaker said the *Geographic* had correspondents in Saigon, where there was a huge street demonstration of people carrying posters begging America to save them. The posters were in English. That demonstration was seen all over American television. It swung American sentiment from against to for American military intervention in South Vietnam.

The speaker said the *Geographic's* correspondents spoke Vietnamese and they interviewed many of the demonstrators, who said they had been paid money by the Saigon government to demonstrate and carry the posters. The demonstrators did not speak English and did not know what was on the posters or why they were demonstrating. The speaker said the Geographic did some digging and learned the money for the demonstration had been paid by American corporations and the U.S. Government.

You could have heard a pin drop in the Rotary Club. Many of the older members, including my father, were World War II combat veterans. My father looked like he was going to throw up. He had never liked the Vietnam war. He said nothing about what the speaker had said, nor during the drive back to where he had picked me up to go to the luncheon with him. He never spoke of it later.

In the spring of 2005, I joined a "Seekers" group, who met weekly in the Unitarian Church in Key West. The church minister, who just happened to be from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, attended each meeting. There were about ten of us. We talked about on and off beat topics.

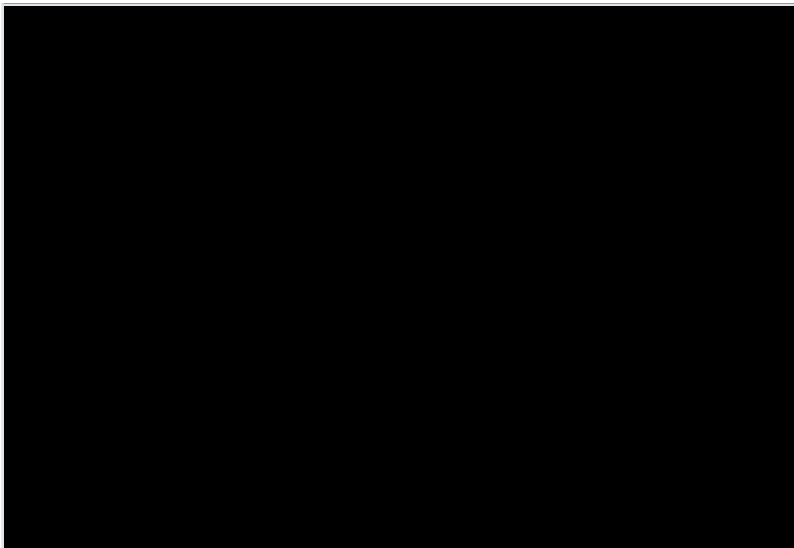
One day, a fellow maybe 10 years my senior said he had worked for the CIA and was stationed with a CIA team in South Vietnam when the French were trying to retake Vietnam and regain access to its rubber trees and other natural resources. Although publicly the American government was backing France, his team's mission was to help Ho Chi Minh beat the French, so America could have access to Vietnam's rubber trees and other natural resources. He said Ho wanted to do business with America, but in the end America wanted too much. Not caring at all for Communist China, Ho sought the Soviet Union's help.

The truth often is stranger than fiction.

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Religious fanatics in Israel, Gaza/Palestine/Iran and America are why Gaza is being obliterated.

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Not wrong but investments in gas fields (look Sunak's step father's business), real estate in Palestinian stolen land are also reasons to consider...

Sunak's family firm signed a billion-dollar deal with BP before PM opened new North Sea licences

"Rabat - As Israel ramps up its bloody, criminal ethnic cleansing campaign in Gaza, pro-Palestine protesters and independent commentators in the UK have questioned the country's prime minister's rejection of a much-needed humanitarian ceasefire that would save countless lives...

"...Many, including netizens, have been looking for answers to explore why the British PM would disagree with a ceasefire, undertaking efforts to also know more about his family background in the search for reasons behind his cabinet's blatant complicity in the war crimes being perpetrated on a daily basis by Israel against the Palestinian people. .

Some have suggested that one of the reasons could be the financial interests of Sunak's family, recalling Israel's October 30 decision to award gas exploration licences to two companies, including BP, a multinational oil and gas company headquartered in London.

The announcement came amid Israeli shelling against Gaza.

Months before the Israeli announcement, news reports in May reported on Infosys, an Indian IT firm owned by Rishi Sunak's in-laws, which signed a \$1.5 billion deal with BP in May.

Infosys is a large technology company co-founded by Sunak father in law.

News outlet the National said on August 2 that "just two months before Rishi Sunak opened hundreds of new licences for oil and gas extraction in the North Sea, an IT firm founded by his father-in-law signed a \$1.5 billion deal with energy giant BP."

This comes amid criticism from many, including opposition parties and climate change petitioners, who opposed his announcement of 100 new licences for oil and gas extraction in the North Sea."

Ernest Judd

Religion is always an excuse.

Sloan Bashinsky

Religion is the reason for what is going on in Gaza , and I don't find many people who see it that way. That's not an excuse, it is why it is happening.

Ernest Judd

The reason the Palestinians fight is because it is an EXISTENTIAL FIGHT - they are fighting for their survival;
the reason the Zio-Israelis fight is purely MATERIALISTIC, Mammon Worship. They are fighting over STUFF: they are trying to steal Palestinian land which they have no ownership of and killing the original Semites: the Palestinians.
Mammon Worship: Purely the bastardization of any religion.
Religion is merely ideology of Spiritualism.

Sloan Bashinsky

The Palestenians are not fighting in Gaza. They are being slaughtered, starved, displaced, while Hamas keeps using its October 7 hostages to try to get its people out of Israel prisons. Hamas doesn't care about the people of Gaza, it only cares about its mission to destroy Israel. Hamas is a jihad organization. Look at its original charter, and its amended charter. Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar spent a long time in prison in Israel. He figured out how Israel's psychology works. He figured out Hamas never would beat Israel and America militarily, so he designed an attack that would get Israel to respond as it did with America's help, to turn the entire world against Israel and America. Look at the anti-Israel/President protests at American college campuses today. I am in no way defending Israel. It is run by religious

fanatics. It was a mistake to create Israel in the first place. The Scriptures of the three Abrahamic religions foretold what would happen there, and the religious freaks in Islam, Israel and America view it that way. Yes, Israel kept provoking. But so did radical Islam. President Biden should have told Israel it was on its own after he saw Israel's response to the October 7 attack. He's very close to starting World War III over that.

Ernest Judd

And Israel will be no more.

The ending will go peacefully.

Israel will emigrate to Birobidizan, and China and Russia will keep them under spervision.

There is NO RELIGION behind the Red Sea Pedestrians. This is fanaticism WITHOUT religion... the dogma fits the whatever fits at that time.

Identical in projection, as the USA "Rules Based Order" is also projected.

Sloan Bashinsky

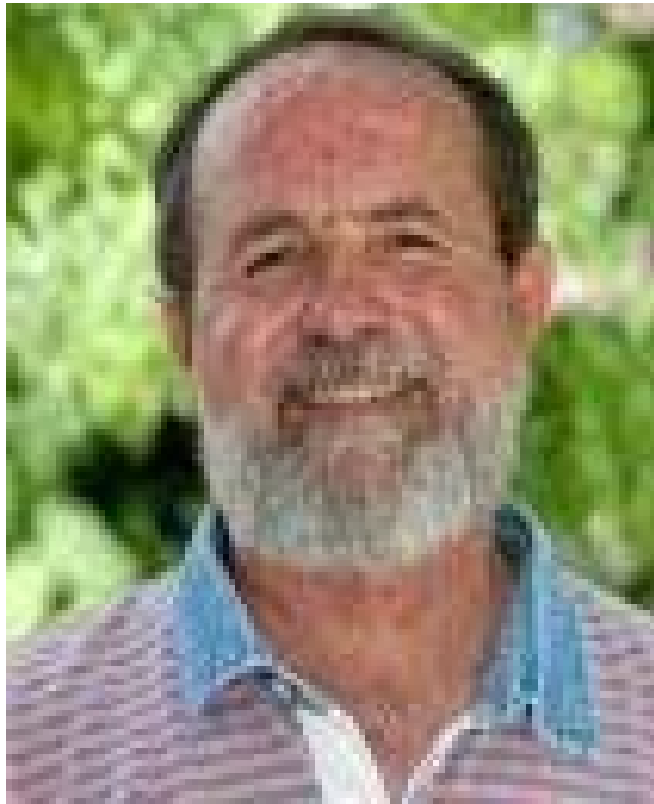
Dream on, if Israel feels sufficiently threatened, it will use its nuclear weapons, which nobody in many online forums on this topic I have been has mentioned- Israel's nukes.

If you think I'm joking, you need to spend a whole lot more time in close quarters with people who are convinced they are God's chosen people.

Regardless of what many American Christians and Jews think, it's not America's job to defend Israel because that's the area where Jesus was born, grew up, roamed and was crucified at the behest of Jewish leaders.

Regardless of what anyone in America thinks, Donald Trump and the January 6, 2020 riot mob at the U.S. Capitol gave all Americans the impression that violent demonstrations are the American way.

**tales of two flew way over the cuckoo's nest daredevil homeless lawyers in
an America gone off the rails**



2006

photo taken right after I filed
to run for county commission
in the Florida Keys

For two days I dreamed of something very important involving a lot of love in Key West, and then came a email from a dear friend down there, and I responded twice, and he responded, and I responded again. This US Army Special Forces combat veteran amigo belongs to the Republican Party and voted for Donald Trump in 2016.

On Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 11:26:09 AM CDT, German, Todd
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Article today in WSJ. Here is link,

[A Lawyer's Slide Into Psychosis Was Captured in a WSJ Profile. He Tells Us His Story](#)

Julie Wernau | Photographs by Philip Cheung for The Wall Street Journal

Rob Dart has spent a year on the streets believing people are trying to control him via hypnosis.

LOS ANGELES—Rob Dart isn't the successful lawyer and father who left the people who love him two years ago to follow his delusions. That Rob lives in the memory of friends and in family photos.

This Rob, who arrives on time for our interview, is standing by the roadside under the blazing California sun, his eyes and hair competing in wildness, his grin difficult not to match.

In the past year, this Rob has been hospitalized, shot, housed, unhoused, a winner and a loser in court battles. Ultimately, he has shed every scrap of evidence of his life before illness: his connections to his son, family and most friends. He wanders the streets of greater Los Angeles, begging for change and lying down to sleep when he is tired. He believes people are controlling him via hypnosis, activated by a headlock.

Rob, 44, doesn't believe he is sick. He has refused treatment repeatedly. During a hospitalization last year, he argued remotely before a judge from his hospital bed that he shouldn't be committed. The judge agreed.

"I did want to leave the hospital, and I did not want to take the medications," Rob said.

Rob's situation isn't that uncommon. Doctors said his behavior is consistent with anosognosia, a neurological condition in patients

unaware of their neurological deficit or psychiatric state. More than half of patients with schizophrenia and 40% of patients with bipolar disorder demonstrate anosognosia or severe lack of insight, studies show.

They present a conundrum for society: how to balance individual rights with people's basic health? Solving the nation's mental-health crisis requires the participation of some people who don't think they need help.

Hundreds of people responded to a Wall Street Journal profile of Rob with stories of their own fights to help people lost in their own delusions. Some of their loved ones found stability after years of chaos. But many family members said they have spent decades living in the grief of losing someone in plain sight.

"Is it a biochemical disorder? Is it neurodiversity? Is it eccentricity? And who gets to decide?" said Elyn Saks, a professor of law, psychology, psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Southern California, who has schizophrenia.

Each person experiences delusions in their own way, Saks said, and medication doesn't always erase them. Some people have delusions that last years. Others only experience delusions under severe stress. "Psychosis is not like an on/off switch, but a dimmer," Saks said.

Rob draws no distinction between his current and former life. While friends and family say mental illness has taken everything from him, Rob says going off his medications has added context and texture to his experience of life.

"You realize you're kind of the same person," he said. "You just know more about yourself."

Many states are trying to figure out how to help people like Rob. Nearly every state has laws allowing for court-ordered outpatient treatment.

Some states are building hospitals, or moving people from encampments to shelters. California is creating courts for mental health to move people who need help off the streets and into treatment. California and Washington are among states that have expanded laws allowing civil commitment for reasons other than violence.

States including Colorado and Florida recently gave people with mental illness extra tools to challenge commitments.

Civil commitments have risen nationwide. But evidence that commitment helps people recover is lacking. There isn't enough public data to track commitments and draw conclusions about efficacy, said David Cohen, professor of social welfare at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. He said doctors are too quick to force medication to subdue patients.

"We try to deactivate people with antipsychotic drugs. We've lost the art of trying to figure out how to tackle this with the person in front of us," Cohen said.

Most patients who have been hospitalized involuntarily say they felt they were left out of their own treatment decisions, studies show. When patients participate in decisions about their care, outcomes are better, said Schroeder Stribling, chief executive of Mental Health America, a mental-health advocacy network.

There aren't enough practitioners to do that painstaking work. The U.S. has a shortage of more than 8,000 psychiatrists, leaving just a quarter of need met, according to KFF, the health policy research organization. The gap is even wider for people with psychotic disorders, who are treated by specialists in even

shorter supply, mental-health professionals said. California needs 51 inpatient psychiatric beds per 100,000 adults, a 2021 Rand study found. The state has 15.

Patients are often asked to choose between their delusions and taking medications that leave them with tremors, sedation and sexual dysfunction. Rob said his medications made him gain weight. “It made me more afraid, less assertive, less confident,” he said. “Who wants to feel like that?”

He weaned himself off the drugs.

Rob slips lightly from cogency to delusion and back again. Over lunch at a diner, Rob talked about books and movies. About the pandemic, and working from home, and how inconsistent Starbucks employees are about free water and bathroom access. He’s funny. He asked enough probing questions to nearly derail the interview.

After nearly two hours, Rob looked up with a flash of self-consciousness. “Has the interview gone on too long?” he asked.

When he talked about the people working to destroy him, his grin vanished. He said he wants to get back to being a lawyer and believes people have taken his intellectual property.

He has refused to see his mother and sister. He believes they are among the people colluding to erase his memories. But he said he sometimes thinks about reconnecting with loved ones. “I’m not sure exactly how,” he said.

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To: German, Todd, julie.wernau@wsj.com

Mon, May 6 at 5:03 AM

Hi, Todd-

Thanks for sending me this very interesting article. The most interesting part to this former lawyer who became homeless is the former lawyer in the article who became homeless persuaded a judge to release him from a psych ward, because he didn't want to be there taking psych meds, with which I once was all too familiar.

For 16 months, starting early 1997, my pills were prescribed for me by psychiatrists who had never taken the pills themselves and thus they had no clue what the pills did to the people who took them. Speaking only for myself, the pills I was given, different kinds of antipsychotics and the antidepressant Zoloft, really messed up my body and my emotions and my mind. The side effects were horrendous. I felt half my mind had died.

When I twice tried to quit cold turkey, after about 4 days I went into horrible withdrawal, which the 3rd psychiatrist said was not possible, as the pills were not addictive. I was put on the pills even though I was not acting out, I was not threatening anyone or myself. I was put on the pills simply because I said I had many experiences with angels known in the Bible. I weaned off the pills in 1998 by cutting the dosage 25 percent per week, and I felt angels also were helping me wean. After I started weaning, I started dreaming again. White hot sores in my throat went away. The night terrors stopped. I stopped feeling as if half my brain had died. I lost the 40 pounds I had gained after I started taking the pills. My quite elevated blood pressure and pulse rate significantly decreased.

I lived in your home maybe 4 months total in 2015 and 2016-17, when I was homeless for the second time. You didn't seem to think I was crazy. You had watched me perform at many candidate forums as a candidate, and you were the forum moderator, and you didn't seem to think I was crazy.

The last time I ran was for mayor of Key West, 2018, the six times I ran for that office, you introduced me at a meet the candidates event, and there were chuckles and groans from the audience. I said everyone here knows Key West is an open air insane asylum, and the audience laughed, and I said I am the head lunatic, and the audience laughed, and I said, so why not make it official? Sloan for mayor! There were no laughs. They looked like deer caught in headlights, after taking the bait and swallowing it hook line and sinker, and I set the hook. I did not tell them that the idea to say that to them had come to me out of the blue while I rode my bicycle to the event. Told to me by an angel.

At the candidate forum you later moderated, you introduced me as the lunatic party candidate, and I started to speak and said I was getting a phone call and I pulled out my flip phone, and there was laughter in the audience, and I said hello, and I said, Who?, God? and there was more laughter, and then I said You want to know why the City Commission stopped funding three really important programs for kids, and what were they thinking?, and the audience was stone quiet, as were the other mayor candidates.

When a woman new to the Key West sitting on the panel that ask candidates questions asked me why I was running, I said she was rather new to the city and so she probably didn't know that very time I had run for mayor, and three times for county commission and once for school board, I was told by God in my sleep to run if I knew what was good for me, and that was my story and I was ticking to it, and she did not seem very happy with my answer, and the audience was really quiet.

I did not say that the idea for the phone call from God had come to me from out of the blue while I was riding my bicycle to the event, and the idea had come from an angel. The definition of insanity is being out of touch with reality, and I was the only person in that packed event who knew for a fact that God, angels and demons and even ETs exist, because I'd had many personal dealings with them.

A couple of days later, someone from Sean Hannity's FOX show called and invited me to come to FOX's studio and be on the air with Hannity, but one other mayor candidate would have to come to provide balance. I tried to persuade several of the other maybe candidates to join me, but they refused, saying they didn't want to have anything to do with Hannity. They were far more worried about their sentiments, than what a great thing they could have done for Key West's economy to join me on Hannity's show and attract all manner of new weirdos to Key Weird with their money. I thought they had lost their ever-loving minds.

You told me last year that you would vote for me for president, after I said that my first official act would be to declassify and make public all of the American government's ET files.

When I look at America today, I see a giant cuckoo's nest that the one flew over movie starring Jack Nicholson could not have begun to imagine. But I could, because in early 1997, I had met a real life shuff Nurse Ratched and a psychiatrist just like the one in that movie, and then I met a second psychiatrist just like them, and they thought they were so fucking smart and knew everything, and they were so very wrong that it was fucking scary as hell that they were allowed to pretend to be doctors. By the grace of God I finally was helped to escape their clutches, and then the psychiatrist who took me on after he helped me escape them put me on the pills that nearly killed me.

So, I have to side with the homeless lawyer in the article, even if he is insane, because Jesus was homeless and many people said he was insane, and psychiatry has no clue what causes what they call insanity, which makes them totally out of touch with reality on that count, too.

If someone is truly dangerous to other people, that person needs to be confined. I would start with locking up Donald Trump and Joe Biden. If that does not happen, then nobody should be locked up, because

those two are dangerous to every living human being. I told two of my grandchildren last night to keep their passports up to date, and to improve their Spanish, so they can easily move to a Spanish speaking country if America goes totally into the shitter.

You told me after the January 20, 2020 attempt to take over the national government that the rioters all should have been shot dead. I thought the same should happen to their leader. If I say that on Facebook, my account will be suspended. But so far, Facebook has not suspended my account for me saying America has gone batshit crazy. Nor for me saying, Bible salesman Donald Trump's pecker is on trial in New York. Nor for me saying devout Catholic Joe Biden backing Israel in Gaza never knew Jesus.

Maybe someday the Wall Street Journal will wake up and put God first, for a change. But since that's not going to happen, maybe the Journal will promote stopping the invasion from Mexico by stopping US dollars from going to Mexico until Mexico stops the invasion, and the Journal urges America to abandon Israel, and urges America to turn inward and start taking the many beams out of its own eyes, as the crazy man Jesus strongly recommended in the Gospels. For in God's eyes, we are all homeless, and the many years I spent homeless and not homeless in Key West, dealing with the city government over how it treated its homeless people, convinced me that the city government had no clue how to fix its homeless problem, because there was no way to fix it, and it was insane to even try to fix it.

Sloan

sloan bashinsky

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Mon, May 6 at 10:03 AM

You saw me many times at my worst, Todd, and at my best, and there is no way I can repay you for your many kindnesses to me, while many people wondered why you had anything to do with me, and you didn't let that affect your and my relationship. I'm am sure that you played a large part behind the scenes with my daughters deciding to resume their relationships with me, and thus their husbands and their children's relationships with me, which turn around began when I was still living in Key West, and it blossomed wonderfully after I moved back to Alabama in 2018, which enabled me to be with them in real time versus on the internet and telephone.

Because of very rough things that happened in my family, in which I was in the very middle, the one who spoke to it, I became the family outcast, which is more descriptive than the family black sheep. It did not help that psychiatry had nearly destroyed me and left even me for a while thinking I had gone completely insane and I was suicidal every day for 16 months, only to learn as I was about to come out of it, that it was part of something much bigger than I could have imagined while I was in the grip of it, which had been foretold in many ways in dreams, visions and quirky life experiences when I lived in Colorado from 1987 through 1995.

Also in play, which I was told in my sleep in 2002, in Key West, I had an unknown adversary, and it took me a couple of days to understand it was my father's younger brother, who was born with the cord around his neck and his mind and body were damaged, and he became a huge embarrassment to my father and his older brother, and they never brought their friends to their home because of their younger brother, whom I had come to represent in my fathers eyes, and perhaps in the eyes of other family members.

There was nothing I could do about that, nor about the estrangement from my father and my daughters. I knew I had to keep getting up in the morning and dealing with what was in front of me, and that's what I

did, and some days I did better than other days, but never once during that time did I remotely consider taking my own life, because I knew something was with me, nudging, informing, spanking me, encouraging me, redirecting me, and I knew I was not alone, and it's that way even until now.

Every day and night, during the often revolting winding down of my father's estate during the covid shutdown, which you witnessed, when I very much wanted to kill some lawyers, I was steered mostly in dreams by angels. I needed to be in Birmingham to deal with that, and it made it much easier for me to visit my children and their families, than if I still lived in Key West.

The homeless lawyer in the Wall Street Journal article seems to me to be doing a whole lot better than most of the homeless people I got to know in Key West and other places, especially the homeless people whose main preoccupation was drinking or wondering when they would have money for their next drink. As you know, I was banned from Key West's homeless shelter for life for writing at my blog that I thought those homeless people would be better off dead than to continue living in that way.

I fell in love with one of them, which was a really intense and interesting adventure that enriched my life and broke my heart at the same time, because she would not stop drinking, and there was no way it would work out for us. Finally, using money my father's estate was loaning me against a future inheritance, I got off the homeless rolls, and got her to her mother's home, where he lived until she died suddenly of a massive seizure, and after her mother called me to report what had happened, my heart unhinged and I had myself a really good cry. Then, I wrote her eulogy at my blog.

I told a lot about her in a podcast, which ended up with over 500,000 complete watches world wide. It broke my heart to take down her eulogy, and all of the podcasts at YouTube, after MAGAs threatened me and my tech friend who created the podcasts, and our families.

Already, we had been threatened on Rumble by MAGAS, who had republished clips from our podcasts, which were about Donald Trump and MAGAS, and Rumble took down those threats on its own. MAGAS tried to kill my tech friend, because of his political activism where he lived, which went further than my political activism in Key West, in that he got local government officials investigated and some were prosecuted by law enforcement, and he had to go into a safe house and he nearly died from the injuries MAGA hitmen left him for dead with.

I think from time to time that I should quit shooting off my mouth, because my children and their families might be injured or killed by MAGAs to get back at me. I poke President Biden and the Democrats plenty, but so far no threats from their side. If I had my dream come true, it would be to go to sleep and not wake up in the morning, and I am somewhere else trying to adjust to that. But I woke up this morning in my younger daughter's home, feeling really lousy, but I'm still here, so I take that to mean God wants me to be here even if I don't want to be here.

Sloan

German, Todd

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Cc:julie.wernau@wsj.com

Mon, May 6 at 11:12 AM

Afternoon Sloan,

I figured the WSJ article would stir some thoughts.

As you know, I value your friendship and mentorship greatly. You gave me unique perspectives on religion, homelessness, mental challenges

and I suppose, just looking at the world in general.

While I seldom challenge your memory, it seems like you stayed here a bit longer than 4 months total. One reason I say that is that we watched the better part of a full season of Daredevil together and that was in the days when shows only came out one show a week. To that note, I understand there is a brand new "Daredevil Reborn" series ready to drop on Disney. I look forward to watching and comparing notes with you on it. Watching those Hell's Kitchen stories with you is a very fond memory.

As to assisting in bringing you and your family back together. I consider that one of my proudest and most significant accomplishments ever. I am so happy for it and smile every time I read about you and the little one. I am particularly fond of "Grandfossil." I believe I've mentioned, I am "GT," Grandpa Todd, to my granddaughter Liv.

Well, back to work.

Have a great day my friend,

sloan bashinsky

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To:German, Todd

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Mon, May 6 at 5:12 PM

Hmmm, my recollection is the Daredevil series had been out a while, and we sometimes watched two episodes a night. Interesting metaphor, daredevil, as it seems I lived several personal seasons of it over the years :-).

My tech friend made Grandfossils' Tales to His Grandchildren into a book, which can be read for free at the internet library, archive.org, even as Grandfossil keeps roaming ever just out of reach of the persistent trackers the Smithsonian sent out to find him after they let him out to roam a bit with a tracker on his right hind foot, and he gnawed off the foot and the tracker and grew a new foot and is on the lam ever since :-)

Ciaosky, Amigo

God's expert witness and spiritual healer: Stormy Daniels



I think it was in 2014 that I met a retired psychiatrist in Key West, who told me about a neighbor who was encroaching on his home's canal dock and it so troubled him that he had to take anti-depressants. I told him which county commissioner to go see and explain his problem and deal with it in that way instead.

The psychiatrist told me about one of his patients, who had panic attacks every time he drove his car and approached a bridge on US 1 near Key West, and that he had cured the patient by prescribing Xanax for the patient to take before driving his car. If his patient had come to me, I would get in his car, and as he nears a bridge and the panic begins, I ask him to pull the his car over onto the road shoulder and turn off the engine and close his eyes, and we talk and he invites what his panic attacks are really about to show itself to him, and he has a really intense emotional realization and healing, if he is up to that. If not, he can keep taking Xanax.

I tried several times to get the psychiatrist, who was 100-percent true blue Democrat, to email me his candid professional impression of Donald Trump, and when the psychiatrist finally did put something in writing, it was so limp that I wanted to pray for his soul.

Joe Biden would be so lucky as to have a God-sent psychoanalyst like Stormy Daniels hang him out to dry in plain view, to help him cross the panic attack bridge and see just how truly corrupt his son Hunter is, and just how truly corrupt he is for giving Israel the money, weapons and munitions it needed to commit genocide in Gaza. Last night, CNN reported Gaza has more juvenile amputees than any place in history.

Based on what I saw on TV and read online, Stormy Daniels is God's Mary Magdalene telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help her God, about herself and Donald Trump, which I doubt Trump did even once in his entire life.

Stormy testified that, yes, she hates Trump, and she he wants to see him convicted. Stormy is proof that members of the oldest profession are the most honest people in the whole wide world.

When I learned Stormy testified that Trump told her that he and his wife Melania did not sleep in the same bedroom, I imagined Melania was thrilled with being provided a heap of ammo to persuade hubby to give her a whole heap of money not to divorce him for adultery after she birthed their son Barron, which the red, white and blue Bible hubby hawks for his own personal profit says he shalt not do.

If I were the New York prosecutor, I would hand Stormy one of hubby's red, white and blue Bibles opened to its Ten Commandments page, and I would ask Stormy to read the 7th Commandment to hubby and the jury.

Something else that amuses this old lawyer is Trump's lawyers whined that Stormy said things that the judge had said she should not say, without considering Stormy simply followed Trump's lead of ignoring the Judge's repeated gag orders.

Equally amusing, Trump denied having sex with Stormy, while his lawyers tried to make Stormy out to be a welcher by taking Trump's money to be quiet about having sex with him, then she squealed on him. But hey, didn't Trump set the tone by welching his own debts?

Also amusing, Trump's lawyers fenced with Stormy, having no clue what would come out of her mouth, which is a big No No in trial lawyer circles, as is Trump's lawyers didn't object to much of what Stormy said, which they did not want her to say. That caused me to wonder if Trump's lawyers secretly want Trump to be convicted? Maybe he hasn't paid them? Maybe they just really don't like him?

Yesterday morning, I texted a Birmingham amiga, who goes by the nickname "Morticia", that I am in love with Stormy Daniels. Morticia texted back a link to Jimmy Kimmel's hilarious interview of Stormy talking about her time with Trump in a Lake Tahoe hotel room, where he told her that she reminded him of his daughter Ivanka. The interview ends with Kimmel offering Stormy a selection of fake mushrooms for her to pick the fake mushroom that most resembles the head of Trump's pecker, and Stormy picks out the second smallest mushroom.

I think the jury in the New York City courtroom, and every American, should be required to watch the Kimmel interview. And, I think the jury and every American should see this photo of 15-year-old Ivanka and her daddy.

I can't imagine any American woman wanting to have anything to do with Donald Trump, unless she secretly wants to have sex with him.

Or, she was sexually abused by her father and dodges that panic bridge by backing Trump, instead of telling Trump to take a hike and initiate her own healing.

Anyone who reads my novel *Heavy Wait: A Strange Tale* and its sequel, *Return of the Strange*, free reads at the internet library, archive.org, might come away thinking I know a bit about psychiatry, human psychology and soul wounding, and how panic bridges can be crossed and healing initiated by anyone who is up for it.

I can imagine American men who back Trump wish they could get as much pussy as Trump used to get. Here's the red, white and blue Bible salesman with his sex trafficker buddy Jeffrey Epstein.

a very easy way to prove Stormy Daniels lied or told the truth about the shape and size mushroom: put Donald Trump's pecker into evidence :-)

After I published yesterday's [God's expert witness and spiritual healer: Stormy Daniels](#) post, something so drop dead obvious occurred to me that I wondered why it took me so long to see it? I published it at my Facebook and emailed it to some people I know:

There is a very easy way for Trump's lawyers to prove Stormy Daniels made it all up about being in a Lake Tahoe hotel room with Trump.

They can put Trump on the witness stand and have him unzip his pants and show the jury his man part is much more impressive than the small fake mushroom Stormy picked from what Jimmy Kimmel offered her on his show.

Or, Trump's lawyers can get the trial judge's permission to have a pathologist take a photo of Trump's man part, and they put the pathologist on the witness stand, and they use him, or her, to introduce the photo of Trump's man part into evidence.

If Trump had asked this old lawyer to represent him, I would have insisted on seeing his man part personally before I agreed to represent him, because I would want to know who was telling the truth, Trump, or Stormy Daniels. After reading that, my Birmingham, Alabama amiga Morticia texted her sentiments, and I replied, and she replied, and ...

Morticia

I loved this article this am.

I have always wanted the judge to hit the desk with a gavel and tell him to drop 'em. I'd pay to see that. But he's complaining about courtroom freezing and the jury would have said Stormy lied to Jimmy,

she picked the wrong one, she should have picked the baby one.
Shrinkage due to cold.

I bet he's about to bust a carotid artery he can't pitch fits any more.
I will say I despise him, but the judge should gag all involved. If
someone was talking about me, I'd fire back.

I saw something on Facebook, "If 45 is allowed to b e 47 we never sill
see 48."

Me

Hew Haw, the jury has to want to see Trump's pecker. Hell's in
session, the Devil's laughing his ass off. Trump's lawyers opened
Pandora's Box, nothing the judge could do about that :-).

If I were the prosecutor, I lay low until closing argument and ask the
jury why Trump's lawyers didn't show them a photo of Trump's man
part, to prove Stormy lied to Kimmel, thus she must have lied about
the rest of the Lake Tahoe hotel room events? 😏

Morticia

Stephanie who was Melania's assistant said only someone that was
with him knew what was in his travel bag. Gold clippers Pert shampoo
and Old Spice. So she had to be really in the room. I want so see it on
TV and I am not even on the jury. Then we will know if von
shitzenpants really wears diapers!!!

Me

I can imagine every juror, especially the women, share your
curiosity 😏. I also can imagine the women jurors have plenty of
memories of being groped, and put down, not believed, made fun of, if
they told it.

Maybe Trump's carotid is so worn out with his tantrums that it decides
to put itself out of its own misery. Then, the rich white spoiled brat,
sans his lawyers he didn't pay, can rant and rave elsewhere, even until
hell freezes over.

When I posted what I sent you this morning at Reddit's r/law forum,
the moderator took it down, inappropriate. My Alabama Law School

Professors, R.I.P., would ream me out for being so slow getting down to the meat of it 😎

more Orange Turd and Lady Karma sightings in the Big Apple

In 2014, I got involved in a real estate developer and his lawyer, whom I knew very well, trying to steamroll an old Key West neighborhood, which just naturally brought out the very worst in me, as far as the developer and his lawyer were concerned. One of the homeowners took a shine to what I was writing about that and other stuff at my goodmorningkeywest.com blog, R.I.P., and she gave me her email address:

ssohm@xxxxxxx.com.

When I asked her what the letters stood for, she said, "She shoots off her mouth."

Some things are so absolutely priceless precious that they make angels sing.

Several years ago, a childhood friend, who worked for a New York Stock Exchange company since he was in college, started calling Donald Trump the Orange Turd. After reading yesterday's [a very easy way to prove Stormy Daniels lied or told the truth about the shape and size mushroom: put Donald Trump's pecker into evidence :-\)](#) post, my friend emailed:

And did you see what Stormy said about "real men" after she testified?

I replied:

Yep, excerpt from *Daily News* article about that:

Stormy Daniels blasted Donald Trump on social media Thursday night, just a few hours after she finished testifying against the former president in his Manhattan hush-money trial.

"Real men respond to testimony by being sworn in and taking the stand in court. Oh...wait. Nevermind," she wrote in a post on X —

a taunting reference to Trump not testifying in the case and using his own social media accounts to rail against the proceedings.

The zinger came after Trump's lawyers unsuccessfully requested a mistrial based on Daniels' testimony.

If Trump were to testify, he would open himself up to cross-examination by prosecutors.

Stormy is one smart cookie.

If the New York prosecutor comments on Trump not taking the witness stand, the Judge will rule it a mistrial, because the prosecutor violated Trump's 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination.

However, the news media have amply reported Trump's social media boasts that he will testify, and it's hard to imagine the jurors are not aware of that, and if Trump doesn't testify, and despite the trial judge instructing them they can make no adverse inference from Trump not testifying, they are human beings, and they will wonder why he didn't man up and take the witness stand- after all, he's the self-proclaimed God-sent savior of America, and they just might make adverse inferences, since there is plenty of testimony from Stormy that supports adverse inferences :-).

Later P.S.

Been thinking more about Stormy's "tweet".

Trump laid a trap for himself by denying he had sex with Stormy. That makes it she said, he said, and if he doesn't testify, then he puts his lawyers to trying to persuade the jury that Stormy made it all up, which I doubt the jury will buy, because Stormy provided too many details for it to be made up, and great effort was made to buy her silence, and Trump was in the thick of that.

Another trap Trump laid for himself was boasting in other circumstances about his manhood, his he-manness, his tough guyness, his savior of America greatness. But he don't have the balls to take the witness stand?

I think his lawyers are in a double bind. They know if Trump testifies, cross examination will be awful, and given Trump's personality, there is no telling what might happen when he gets pinned down and is forced to answer simple unpleasant questions, or plead the 5th, and when will he go off the rails and froth at the mouth, or shit in his pants, or have a stroke or a coronary? If only.

Then there's Melania. If Trump doesn't testify and tell the jury he didn't have sex with Stormy, they didn't meet in a Lake Tahoe hotel room, that gives her plenty of ammo to ask him for a heap of money not to file for divorce on ground of adultery, which case will be a replay of this one and the E, Jean Carroll cases, on national TV, social media, etc. So, he pays Melania, like he paid Stormy, but he pays Melania, what, \$1 billion, to not file for divorce?

It amuses me that Trump brought this upon himself 100 percent, and he calls it a witch hunt, which it is, since he's a male witch.

It also amuses me that this is happening, as did the two E. Jean Carroll cases, in Trump's hometown, where he is very well known. He seems to have managed to wiggle out of final verdicts in the other federal and state prosecutions before the November elections, but his hometown ain't having none of that ;-). Even if the New York City jury acquits him, his fabricated image is turdified in eternity. Lady karma mischief?

I stumbled across this online yesterday:

Lawrence O'Donnell Roasts Trump Attorney For Bringing 'The Orange Turd Into The Courtroom'

“That’s right, that’s how Donald Trump’s day went today,” the MSNBC host said.

By

Josephine Harvey

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Lawrence O’Donnell was shocked that Donald Trump’s attorney voluntarily entered “orange turd” into the court record on Thursday. “That’s right. That’s how Donald Trump’s day went today,” the MSNBC host, who has apparently been getting on Trump’s nerves during the trial, said Thursday night.

One of Trump’s defense attorneys in the hush money trial, Susan Necheles, was questioning porn star Stormy Daniels, a key witness, when she pulled up a tweet where Daniels once called Trump an “orange turd.”

“Susan Necheles brought the orange turd into the courtroom and kept it there. The questioning about the orange turd went on and on,”

O’Donnell told viewers before reading from the court transcript.

In the tweet in question, Daniels was responding to a post that read,

“Michael Cohen and Stormy Daniels aka THE HUMAN TOILET are their star witnesses.”

Daniels replied: “Exactly! Making me the best person to flush the orange turd down.”

Daniels and Necheles sparred over what Daniels meant by that, repeatedly using the term. Necheles argued that Daniels was saying she would be “instrumental” in putting Trump in jail. Daniels suggested she was simply responding in kind to online abuse.

“I’m pretty sure this is hyperbole. If somebody calls me a toilet, I can say flush somebody. See how that works?” Daniels told Necheles.

O’Donnell painted a picture for viewers.

Necheles “repeatedly called her client, Donald Trump, the orange turd, on what she thought was an effective cross-examination of Stormy Daniels,” he said.

“Imagine Donald Trump, sitting in that courtroom today ... being forced to listen, with eyes closed or eyes open, to one of his criminal defense lawyers, on whom he has lavished money — money provided by his political contributors — listen to her repeatedly call him, ‘the orange turd,’” he continued.

He added that the “orange turd landed an hour into a belabored cross-examination” by Necheles that was “repetitive, tedious, and almost entirely irrelevant.”

O'Donnell's segment might be poking the bear. He reportedly caught a pointed glare from Trump in the courtroom last week and received a Truth Social blast on Tuesday night.

Trump wrote, “He looks like shit, a real loser!”

Thinking Trump had described his own self to a T, I texted my ever interesting Birmingham, Alabama amiga, Morticia, featured in yesterday's [a very easy way to prove Stormy Daniels lied or told the truth about the shape and size mushroom: put Donald Trump's pecker into evidence :-\)](#) post.

Me

After all that has come out about the Orange Turd's loyalty to his wife, how do the good Christians who support him still think they are saved by Jesus? How do they still think they are the choicest of the choicest of the chosen, when Jesus himself said in the Gospels that many are called but few are chosen?

Morticia

I've wondered that myself. It seems they are willing to overlook everything to have him in office. No one that says he did much for our country can say one thing he did. I write down what candidates say in debates. He did nothing he said he would do. IF he goes back in, he will destroy our country. I wonder what they will say, his MAGGOTS. I am not a Biden fan either, but I don't know what will happen to us if Trump's in office. His followers scare me. Republicans in office that support him only do it because they do not want to get voted out.

Remember when Jan 6 happened and they blamed him for the mess. Now they are kissing ass because they want to stay in office. He WILL pardon the thugs that's in prison and wipe all charges away from himself. He's like the Mafia dons with his threats on bloodbath. Ole Teflon Don. It worries me that there's nothing we can do. You can't convince his followers. They would sell their soul to the Devil to have him back in office. I guess we will just have "to lay there pray to die".

Me

From Ms. God's mouth to your ears :-)

Morticia

That's funny you said Ms. God. I question everything, long thoughts about everything. When my husband was about near death, I asked him to let me know about Heaven. Sloan, everytime I dreamed about him, he's left me for a woman. I said, well, I always thought God might be a woman and he left me for a woman. Never anything different. Now I said, "Ok, you can quit telling me." The dreams stopped.

Me

Her Haw.

Might be hugely great karma for Trump to come back next time as a woman in, say, Afghanistan?

Morticia

I can think of worse things for him to come back. I truly believe karma will get him. Melania made a comment she knew who and what she was marrying. And I know why \$\$\$\$\$. A shame she's a good mother, I'll give her that. She truly loves Barron, Teflon only loves himself.

Me

Worse than being a woman in Afghanistan?

Well, yeah, a member of a lovely Saudi Sheik's harem? A heroin addict owned by a pimp? A sex slave in Serbia? A teen whose daddy has regular sex with her? A Russian porn starlet\$?

If I were Teflon's kid, I might change my name and move somewhere unknown.

Morticia

I concur

President Biden should have pardoned Donald Trump?



In my Apple newsfeed today, my interjected thoughts in **bold**.

The Guardian

Biden should have pardoned Trump on federal charges, Mitt Romney says

Republican senator tells MSNBC that ‘frankly, the country doesn’t want to have to go through prosecuting a former president’

Martin Pengelly in Washington

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Joe Biden should have pardoned Donald Trump on all federal criminal charges the moment they were announced, the Utah senator and former Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney said.

“Had I been President Biden,” Romney said, “when the justice department brought out indictments, I would have immediately pardoned him. I’d have pardoned President Trump.”

“Why? Well, because it makes me, President Biden, the big guy and the person I pardoned the little guy. And, number two, it’s not going to get resolved before the election. It’s not going to have an impact before the election. And, frankly, the country doesn’t want to have to go through prosecuting a former president.”

Romney is a Mormon, and since that religion calls itself “The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints”, I wonder if Romney drew from Jesus saying in the Gospels, to resist not one who does evil, and to pray for and do good to your enemies? I wonder if Romney considers that in the Big Scheme, we all are on trial in God’s Courtroom, and in that sense, the federal and state prosecutions of Trump put every American on trial in God’s Courtroom, regarding how they viewed and responded to those prosecutions?

I wonder if Romney remembers that once Mormon men took multiple wives, like Old Testament men did, and if the Mormon religion of old had prevailed in America, Romney, Joe Biden and Donald Trump would have several wives, and prostitutes, porn stars and Playboy bunnies might not be so much in demand.

I wonder if Romney knows that when people vote for a candidate, they vouch to God for the candidate, and they become joined at the hip with the candidate in the karma realm, and if the candidate is elected, they remain joined at the hip, unless they repent and renounce their allegiance, and how that goes for them in God’s Courtroom is out of their control and knowing.

That aside, I say as a former practicing attorney, who clerked for a United States District Judge who presided over every federal criminal prosecution in north Alabama while I clerked for him, that if President Biden had pardoned Trump on the federal charges, that would have sealed Trump was guilty of

the crimes charged against him in federal court and in God's Courtroom, unless Trump had declined the pardon and claimed he had not committed the crimes for which he was pardoned :-). Whether or not Trump accepted or declined the pardon, he would be on trial in God's Courtroom, along with everyone who voted for him, who had not repented and renounced him.

Romney was speaking to MSNBC, in an interview to be broadcast on The 11th Hour with Stephanie Ruhle on Wednesday night.

Trump is the presumptive Republican presidential nominee despite facing 88 criminal charges. Forty-four are federal: four regarding election subversion and 40 retention of classified information. Neither case has reached trial.

The president could not pardon Trump on his other 44 charges, at the state level. Thirty-four arise from hush-money payments to an adult film star around the 2016 election, an election subversion case now at trial in New York, and 10 concern election subversion in Georgia.

Trump has also been hit with multibillion-dollar fines in civil suits concerning his business practices and a defamation claim arising from a rape allegation a judge called "substantially true".

When Trump was president, Romney was the only Republican to vote to convict in both Trump's Senate impeachment trials, for seeking political dirt on opponents in Ukraine and for inciting the deadly January 6 attack on Congress.

Romney told MSNBC: "I think the American people have recognised that President Trump did have an inappropriate affair with someone who was a porn star. I think they realise that.

“I think they realise he took classified documents he shouldn’t have and didn’t handle them properly. I think they understand that as well.

“I think they realise he’s been lying about the election [and supposed voter fraud] in 2020. They know those things. [But] these things are not changing the public attitude.”

More accurate, the federal and state criminal and civil prosecutions of Trump have cemented his original base, and have drawn more people to support him, and it looks to me it might take a miracle for Joe Biden to win a second term.

Far more pressing, the jury in the New York state court “hush money” criminal prosecution is acutely concerned about what will happen generally, and against them and their families, the prosecutors and their families, the prosecution’s witnesses and their families and the trial judge and his family, if they the jury acquit Trump.

I think the jurors know, if they convict Trump, it will not change the minds of his loyal supporters, and it may gain him more votes and put him back in the White House.

I can imagine the jury thinks the lesser of evils is to acquit Trump and hope he loses the election this year.

Even if I misread the jury, I can imagine there is a Trumper on the jury, who didn’t get sniffed out by the prosecution during juror selection, and the Trumper will not vote for conviction and will hang the jury and Trump will skate, and maybe Trump’s base won’t retaliate against all of the aforementioned?

In America’s pre-Trump past, Romney lost the 2012 election to Barack Obama. In 2016, as Trump stormed to the White House, Romney wrote in the name of his wife, Ann, rather than support Hillary Clinton.

Romney then flirted with accepting a post in Trump's cabinet, as secretary of state, but found humiliation instead.

According to the author Gabriel Debenedetti, Romney urged Biden to run against Trump in 2020. Romney has said he did not vote for Trump that year, reportedly writing in Ann again.

Romney told MSNBC he liked Biden, who he found "capable" despite widespread claims that at 81 Biden is too old for his job, claims less prevalent regarding Trump, who is 77.

But when asked who he would vote for, Romney did not say Biden.

"I'm not announcing that here and now," he said. "I'm not going to be voting for President Trump. I made that clear. I know, for some people, the character is not the number one issue. It is for me. When someone has been, well, determined by a jury to have committed sexual assault, that's not someone who I want my kids and grandkids to see as president of the United States."

Criticising Biden on the economy and border security – though acknowledging Trump's role in stopping a bipartisan border measure passing Congress – Romney told MSNBC: "I don't know if that's [Trump's] ambition to bring people together. I'm not sure exactly what it is he hopes to do if he gets a second term."

Asked about continued surprisingly strong Republican primary performances by Nikki Haley, who dropped out more than two months ago, Romney rejected the idea that a moderate wing of his party could yet seek to retake control.

"My wing of the party, it's like a chicken wing, all right?" the senator said. "It's a little tiny thing that doesn't take the bird off the ground."

Romney's candor is refreshing, however I am aware of perhaps only one person being elected president of the United States of America, because he was honest- Abraham Lincoln.

some inconvenient truths about religious fanatics in Palestine and America

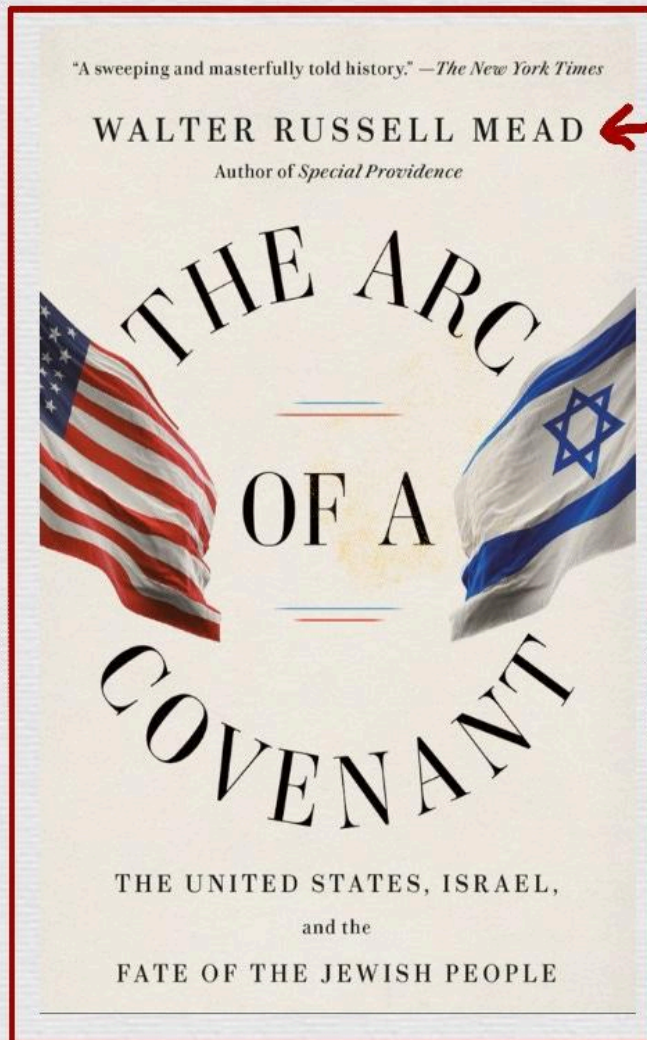


While the world's most famous Bible salesman, who told Israel he is their best friend, is prosecuted in his hometown for paying a porno star hush money to help him get elected president, this very interesting analysis of where the Jews in Israel originated showed up in my email account yesterday, and I could not help myself.

My Two Senses

Hopefully, Some Small Insight on the Hamas-Israel War
In this conflict everyone loses, again and again.

OL' FLAWRIDUH CRACKER
MAY 15, 2024



Literally
The best
book one
can read
to get true
insight on
the Israel
Hamas war!

Arc of a Covenant, authored by Walter Russell Meade* was published in 2022. Though it received highly positive and glowing reviews, it never landed on my list of must reads. No, I'm not going to cry over not having read this in two years ago. However, I'm ecstatic over finding it recently.

Among the numerous food for thought insights he provides are:

The demographics of Israel

For most of my life I believed that the vast majority of Jews in Israel (I would have thought 80% conservatively) migrated to Israel from Europe in three waves. The first and far smaller was post WWI as the result of the Balfour Declaration, where Great Britain carved out a homeland for Jews in Palestine. This wave was supported largely by the Zionist movement

The second and far larger would be of course survivors of the Holocaust, what might be called “The Exodus” wave made popular by Otto Preminger’s blockbuster film with Paul Newman in the lead protagonist role.

The third wave embedded in my mind was resultant from the crumbling of the USSR, where Russian Jews, exited to move to Israel. Occasionally I would read about Jews from Ethiopia and North Africa migrating, but it barely made my radar scope.

Here is the reality

The largest sect of Jews in Israel today are not from or descendent from the WWII Holocaust European or Ashkenazi Jews (32%). **The largest Jewish ethnic group in Israel, about 40% to 45% of Israel’s population, are called Mizrahi; Jews’ whose ancestors hailed from Jewish communities in the Middle East, including Israel itself.**



Map from Wikipedia indicating geographic origins of Mizrahi Jews whose diaspora came almost exclusively from being driven from Muslim/Arab nations.

The second-largest [ethnic Jewish group in Israel](#), about 32% of the population, is Ashkenazi. Ashkenazi Jews trace their ancestry to central Europe, most often via Eastern Europe. By 1945 when WWII ended, about two thirds of these Jews had been murdered by the Nazis.

Why this shows has connection to the current Hamas-Israel War?

This is largely the conclusion I draw from the fact that in the 1948 war about 750,000 Palestinians were forced to flee Palestine and within the year:

entire communities of Jews in Middle Eastern countries (primarily Iraq and Yemen) were relocated to Israel with the active help of the State. Jews from North African countries followed in the late 1950s in a wave of migration that continued until the late 1960s. While they were all

*Jews, they were a rather diverse population in terms of their
socioeconomic resources*

(Cohen 2002; Semyonov and Lerenthal 1991),

Effectively the fledging state of Israel embittered three-quarters of million Palestinians by taking the land they lived on and then back filled it with equally embittered Mizrahi Jews who had been driven from their land by Muslim ruled nations.

There is no **“The Reason”** for the renewed and devastating war that now rages, but the situation that drove it was virtually cemented in by 1948.

** Meade is a professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities at Bard College and Editor-at-Large of The American Interest. From 1997 to 2010, Mr. Mead was a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.*

Sloan Bashinsky

Sloan's Newsletter

Dang interesting demographics.

Too bad the good American Bible people didn't clamor for America to receive the European WWII Jewish refugees, instead of later clamoring for the state of Israel to come to be, because their Bible gave that land to the Israelites, even though they had told God to take a hike many times since being made that promise? Now the good American Bible people, and their Bible salesman, Donald the Great, want Israel to atone for some of their ancestors having Jesus crucified by defending where he was born, roamed and died to save them, whom he never knew, from whatever they did wrong without any remorse, even to the extent of killing every Muslim nearby, if that's what it takes?

Ol' Flawriduh Cracker

I'll use Meade's research to lend some insight on American support for Palestine as a land where Jews could go to live.

It is a combination of views and ideals that morph over time. American support for "nationalist" causes, where people of all ethnic and nationalistic beliefs would have a place to call homeland is a big part of it. Why? Because it mirrors concepts of self determination, and Democracy for the downtrodden.

Another ties in with Biblical philosophy among Evangelicals and Puritans who felt America was a surrogate for the "shining city on a hill" and all kinds of Moses like promised land is America thinking. Finally, after the "Big Wave" of immigration it meant less Jews living in America, because they had a place they could go to. Out of sight out of mind.

Sloan Bashinsky

Indeed, out of sight out of mind :-)

Imagine no Israel in Palestine. Imagine the hand-wringing and gut-wrenching in the America religious right over Islam controlling where their Jewish savior was born, roamed, and killed at the behest of Jewish leaders of that time.

That's what the Crusades were about- Islam controlled that place. That, and a lot of Christian men were not happy where they were and took a vacation hoping to get laid, feel important, get rich, famous, or whatever.

As long as Israel exists, that place will be what the Old Testament foretold, and maybe that's where Armageddon will start? If Israel feels sufficiently threatened, it will detonate its nuclear arsenal wherever it feels will do it the most good and wreak the most havoc.

The America religious right hope Israel will kill every Muslim in the Middle East.

When Donald Trump announced he was Israel's best friend, he hoped that would get him every Jewish vote in America.

When Trump started praising the Bible, he hoped it would get him every conservative Christian vote in America.

The two Bush presidents got America into a war with Islam, and

President Biden and the Democrats view Israel as America's only ally in the Middle East.

In Genesis, God told Abraham that Isaac's seed would become a great nation, and that Ishmael's seed also would become a great nation and would cause Isaac's seed trouble. Judaism and Christendom view Isaac as the child God promised Abraham, but Islam views Ishmael as that promised child, and therein lies the still very much alive root of what is going on in that region.

Ol' Flawriduh Cracker

Clearly a core issue in the "legitimacy" issues of Israel and Palestine is directly tied to "The Bible." Because this proponents will tell you is the accurate, and undeniable truth, straight from God to those he inspired. So, depending on the current "expert" of the moment, currently claiming to have a direct connection with God as a divine interpreter, then there is no higher voice of truth or authority. This methodology worked well for early Puritans, who decided to make America the "New Jerusalem" The authority of a perceived God who sanctions a belief is clearly powerful stuff. It's what makes suicide bombers and martyrs as well.

Sloan Bashinsky

You summed it up nicely, even though puking might be the candid response :-). Religious fanatics are certain God is on their side, they are the chosen people, and that's been proven over and over again in Judaism, Christendom and Islam. If I were America's president, I would detach America from the Middle East altogether, and let whatever happens there, happen, while I attempt do deal with what is going on in inside of America, which is so much less convenient and fun, but it is what the Jew Jesus recommended- beam in one's own eye, the true jihad. :-) Any nation that claims to be under God and puts in God we trust on its money, invites God to say, "Oh, really?":-)

After I published the above at my Substack newsletter, a classmate at Crestline Heights Elementary School in Mountian Brook, Alabama, commented:

Peter Rodes Robinson

Utopian Solutions

Very readable and interesting. I recommend putting colons after headlines that indicate who is speaking. I didn't immediately get the alternative speaker structure of your essay.

A relevant fact. Some Arabs in the Middle East protected Jews during Holocaust.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_and_Muslim_rescue_efforts_during_the_Holocaust

Sloan Bashinsky

Thanks, Peter.

It was OL' FLAWRIDUH CRACKER's My Two Sense's Substack post, so I didn't occur to me to use colons, which I used to do when reporting dialogue with other people, and maybe I should return to that style.

Once upon a time, I read in the Koran that Mohammed advised treating surrendered enemies kindly. From what I read of the history of the Middle East, Asia Minor, Turkey, etc. after Islam took it over, people of all faiths were welcome, as long as they didn't cause trouble. The Christian Crusades seriously damaged that balance and created deep hard feelings in Islam toward Christendom.

I've had several discussions with OL' FLAWRIDUH CRACKER since stumbling across his Substack. He does not belong to any herd, sect, cult, from all I can tell. He puts a great deal of thought into what he publishes. He does not seem inclined to think, or believe, or perhaps he's simply agnostic, that what you and I were raised in Crestline to call God exists. So, he doesn't seem particularly inclined to give the three Abrahamic religions/their scriptures credit for the dynamics in Palestine and the Middle East.

The Christians and Jews I discuss Palestine with tend to side the chosen people view and that's why America must help Israel. Their Bible says, so that's what is, as far as they are concerned.

I wonder how they would deal with what Archangel Michael told me as I walked out of the U.S. Post Office in Key West a few days after 9/11? "America should get out of the Middle East altogether and let Islam and Israel fight it out, or work it out, and in that way learn, which, if either, are God's chosen people?"

Three nights before 9/11, Michael had asked me in my sleep, "Will you make a prayer for a Divine Intervention for all of humanity?" I woke up, made the prayer and went back to sleep. On 9/11, my concern was President Bush would get America into another Vietnam-like war it could not win. It did not occur to me that he would get America into two such wars.

Whenever I told American Christians or Jews what Michael told me, they shrugged it off, or looked at me like I was daff, or nuts.

I remember a Methodist Sunday school teacher telling his class in 2004, "I wish God would kill all Muslims!" I said softly, "What about turn the other cheek, pray for and do good to your enemies?" He said it again. I tried again. He said it again. I switched gears and said loudly, "What's wrong with Christians? Don't they read their own Bible?! In Genesis, God told Abraham that Ishmael's seed would become a great nation and cause Isaac's seed trouble, so if God said it, what's the big deal?" It was as if all the oxygen was taken out of that Sunday school classroom. They couldn't speak.

I spent some time in churches back in those days, even though in the Gospels Jesus himself never built one church of wood, stone and mortar.

creative writing and living

Some strange dreams a close friend had, and some strange currents I felt, as I followed the trial in a New York City state court, left 81+ year old lawyer me wondering if I should crawl deep down inside to a place I know is there but seldom visit, and I did it with something in mind, which was, although it won't fix anything in America, it might really mess up a big theme park, and I told God that I don't know if it's okay, or if it's possible, but I'm an American, so I have standing, and I clerked for a United States District Judge, who presided over every criminal prosecution in north Alabama, and I offer a life for a life: take Donald Trump and me, and let America get on without us.

That done, I returned from the Mother Ship to resume being 80+ and what all that entails.

Something from Poetic Outlaws in my email this Sunday morning aroused me a bit.

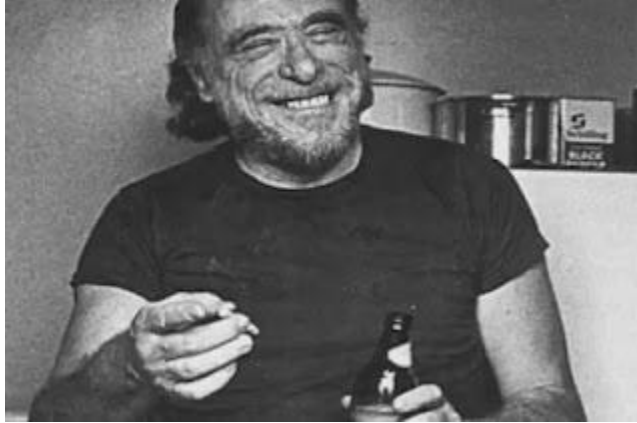


now, if you were teaching creative writing, he asked, what would you tell them?

By: Charles Bukowski

POETIC OUTLAWS

MAY 19, 2024



I'd tell them to have an unhappy love
affair, hemorrhoids, bad teeth
and to drink cheap wine,
avoid opera and golf and chess,
to keep switching the head of their
bed from wall to wall
and then I'd tell them to have
another unhappy love affair
and never to use a silk typewriter
ribbon,
avoid family picnics
or being photographed in a rose
garden;
read Hemingway only once,
skip Faulkner

ignore Gogol
stare at photographs of Gertrude Stein
and read Sherwood Anderson in bed
while eating Ritz crackers,
realize that people who keep
talking about sexual liberation
are more frightened than you are.
listen to E. Power Biggs work the
organ on your radio while you're
rolling Bull Durham in the dark
in a strange town
with one day left on the rent
after having given up
friends, relatives, and jobs.
never consider yourself superior and /
or fair
and never try to be.
have another unhappy love affair.
watch a fly on a summer curtain
never try to succeed.
don't shoot pool.
be righteously angry when you
find your car has a flat tire.
take vitamins but don't lift weights or jog.

then after all this
reverse the procedure.
have a good love affair.
and the thing
you might learn
is that nobody knows anything --
not the State, nor the mice
the garden hose or the North Star.
and if you ever catch me
teaching a creative writing class

and you read this back to me
I'll give you a straight A
right up the pickle
barrel.

Sloan Bashinsky
Sloan's Newsletter

I would tell them,
if they have not lived,
then do that.
I would tell them,
if they think they can learn to write
by reading a book,
or attending a creative writing class,
they missed the entire point.
I would tell them,
if they are Americans,
yes, read Hemingway,
read Faulkner,
read Melville,
and Poe,
then forget them,
because they are dead
and cannot be resurrected,
nor replicated.
Then read John Grisham,
to see how getting religion
can mess up good thing.
Then,
read James Lee Burke,,
read Tom Robbins-
but if you have not lived,
if you have not been shredded by life,
if you have not lost everything

and gotten up and kept going,
if you think wanting to be a writer
makes you a writer,
if you think reading Bukowski
will make you a writer,
you missed the entire point,
but reading other writers
might arouse something in you,
it might help you in some ways
to craft your own style,
or it might help you become
a robot, a clone-
the only way to really write
is to be demolished,
mutilated,
pulverized,
destroyed,
obliterated,
by life,
and not kill yourself,
and stone cold sober,
standing before a mirror,
staring into the depths
of your very own soul,
staring at you,
your life,
naked,
bare,
no secrets,
no fig leaves,
no shame,
your reputation ruined,
by you,
now you are free,
now you are unchained,

now you can write,
if you dare,
if you care,
if you wish,
if you don't give a shit
what anyone else thinks,
or wants,
or cares

The free internet library, archive.org, holds my stranger than fiction novels, which could be introduced by something that fell out of me in the spring of 1994.

Although he sometimes tries to write fiction, when the tale is told, every character is a character in himself, every plot, a plot in himself- there are no surprises- on his to discover parts of himself he has lost, forgotten, thrown away, or never even knew were there. Perhaps in that way, he and God are somewhat alike- they both create to discover just who and what they really are?

Hey American gun nuts, where is the Amendment II enabling well regulated militia?

For the first time ever, a shade tree gun nut with a helluva sense of humor blessed my 81-years with his Substack newsletter, but the didn't scratch all of my NRA stand your ground he-man heretic itches.

The Shade Tree

Cheetolini Receives NRA Endorsement

Both the NRA & Trump think gun owners are exist to be fleeced for votes and designer suits. Disabuse them of the notion.



THE FOSSIL

MAY 19, 2024

Donald Trump, AKA Cheetolini and a million other descriptive nicknames and monikers, spoke to the NRA convention in Dallas Texas tonight, picking up the organization's endorsement for the third time since 2016, in the prelude to his 2024 Uniparty Geriatric Slap Fight Royale. That bit of theater will determine who gets to be the figurehead of the Uniparty, sleep at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and fly around the world at taxpayer expense selling out the American people and their descendants to a future of debt servitude and forever war that doesn't benefit them at all. Unless you count the privilege of dying or being maimed for life as a perk.

The crowd of NRA members, mostly BoomerCons afflicted with cognitive dissonance and wearing tshirts with asinine slogans like God

Guns and Trump gave him a rapturous greeting while he squinted and smirked back at them, no doubt about to cream his tighty whiteys at the thought of all the rubes eagerly accepting his lies as the gospel truth.

Trump urged all gun owners to get out and vote in 2024, saying ‘ I think you're a rebellious bunch. But let's be rebellious and vote this time.’ He is no doubt aware that a majority of gun owners stayed home in 2020. In Dallas Saturday night Trump raised the specter of Biden and the Democrats acting to seize their guns, calling himself ‘...the best friend gun owners have ever had in the White House.’ In 2016 gun owners were a large part of his base as he promised to remove prohibitions on buying & owning suppressors, national reciprocity of handgun carry permits and other issues important to gun owners. The reality was far different. Despite having a Republican majority for the first two years of his term, Trump not only failed to keep those promises he moved to ban bump stocks in 2017 following the mass shooting in Las Vegas. In 2018 the Orange One came out in support of Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPO), commonly known as red flag laws and used to circumvent your 2nd and 4th amendment rights as well as the due process clause found in the 5th and 14th amendments. The 4th guarantees your right to be secure in your person, papers and effects from unreasonable searches and seizures, the 5th protects you from self incrimination and the 14th prohibits the State from making or enforcing any law abridging the privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States; nor deprive any person of life, liberty or property

without due process of law and applying equal protection of the law to state and federal governments. Don't take my word for it, it'll take you less than five minutes to find the same information. As a result of this duplicitous treatment, on Tuesday afternoon as it's known in Trump World (I should copyright that), gun owners largely stayed home in 2020 rather than hold their nose a second time to vote for a candidate who didn't care about them or defending constitutionally protected natural rights.

And of course the NRA supported all of it, just as they supported the Hughes amendment in 1986 when then best friend to gun owners Ronnie Raygun signed that into law. The bill forbade the domestic manufacturing of new machine guns after May 19 1986. Of course they still begged for money to fight the Democrats, I remember as that was the first year of my joining the organization. As a patriotic teenager who had just started paying income taxes the idea that someone would take away my rights to enjoy something I'd enjoyed my entire young life was appalling and frightening. Their support of that act wasn't publicized and if it did come up the boomers calling the shots would say nobody needs a machine gun to go hunting, never mind that hunting has fuck all to do with the intent of the second amendment. You don't need designer suits for hunting either but years later it would come out that CEO and executive vice president Wayne LaPierre was using membership dues to fill his closet with them before his resignation in January of this year.

The NRA was there again to support the Gun Control Act of 1968, outlawing American's rights to purchase firearms through mail order and delivered to their doorstep, removing the rights of convicted felons to own guns, prohibiting the importation of 'Saturday Night Specials' and other restrictions. The fact is that this was another assault on the freedom of American citizens under the guise of getting tough on crime and came on the heels of the assassinations of JFK, RFK and MLK. Forget about the fact that criminals don't obey the law to start with and that convicted felon or not, if you've served your time and are safe enough to be released then you should have your rights restored without prejudice. This was just another way to disenfranchise a group of people, depriving them of their rights and advancing tyranny through scare tactics.

The fuckery of the NRA goes all the way back to 1936 when FDR, likely seeking another tyrannical thrill like he got in 1934 by outlawing and confiscating gold possessed by ordinary American citizens, forbade the sale to and possession of machine guns without registration and payment of taxes, thus converting a right into a privilege in another violation of the 14th amendment.

Before that you could buy a Thompson, the Chicago typewriter, or any other machine gun through the Sears catalog among other places. Machine guns were brought back as war trophies, purchased from military surplus sales or even from your neighbor. But through fear mongering and plain federal government tyranny those freedoms were taken away.

None of those things prevented crime, they just infringed upon the rights of the law abiding and made a new class of criminals with each successive action. Trump, Biden, Reagan and all the other politicians and lobbyists know this but they count on the division of identity politics and the apathy of the American people to steal your freedoms and sell you and your family into the servitude of debt to pursue endless wars overseas.

I'm not afflicted with TDS, not everything he does sends me into a blind rage and I'll admit that he did some good things during his first term. Gas was affordable, there weren't empty shelves at the grocery store, he capped the price of insulin, epi-pens and other life saving medication needed by millions of Americans among other things. But he doesn't deserve a second term even though he was cheated in 2020.

There are alternatives to the NRA such as the Gun Owners of America, The Second Amendment Foundation, The Firearms Policy Coalition and one of my favorite names, Black Guns Matter, as well as numerous other organizations all fighting for your rights to own whatever gun you can afford and desire. And don't fall into the identity politics trope of it's just a bunch of redneck white men who benefit from the second amendment. There are groups such as the Pink Pistols that advocate for homosexual gun owners, the Second Amendment Sisters for female firearms advocacy, the Huey P Newton Gun Club supporting black gun ownership and a whole host of others. Even leftist groups like the John Brown Gun Club. My point being that this issue affects all of us and is just another example of the important things that bind us together as Americans versus the trap of divisive identity politics employed by Trump, Biden, Obama, the Bushes and Clintons and all the other Uniparty clowns. Instead of supporting either

Trump or Biden how about we all stay home or vote for a third party or other write in candidate. Imagine what it would look like in November with vacant, empty polling places nationwide.

Sloan Bashinsky

Sloan's Newsletter

Kinda f-ing hilarious even to a non gun nut, who used to have shotguns for hunting flying feathered friends and a .22 bolt action which never got much action, and a .177 CO2-powered pellet gun, which got lots of action poaching neighbors' squirrels and doves inside the city limits. Kept an Ithaca 12-gauge pump loaded with #4 buckshot in a closet in my wife's and my bedroom, just in case a prowler got by the electronic alarm system, because even the most idiotic intruder immediately recognizes THE FEAR OF GOD caused by the sound of a shell being pumped from the magazine into the chamber. For stand my ground backup, a S & W 38 police special.

But, I swan, I never was able to wrap my mind around needing a machine gun or large capacity mag pretend machine gun to shoot deer, elk, moose, coyotes, wolves, bears, alligators, cruising sharks, groundhogs, feral cats, etc., unless the shooter was blind, and I wondered why guards were not put in every public school armed with Thompsons, AK47s, AR-15s, etc. to protect school children from the NRA and the US Supreme Court, who this tired old lawyer saw never was able to even see the regulated militia premise of Amendment II: 'A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.'

Where in the f— is the enabling well regulated militia?

It is time to blow Taps for America?



While right wing Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito assures he had nothing to do with an upside down American flag, which came to represent “Stop The Steal”, being displayed at his home after the January 6, 2020 peace demonstration, I’m wondering if maybe the reality is I’ve shot my off my mouth enough at this mock campaign blog, and it’s time for me to shoot off my mouth somewhere else, or go out to pasture, or be recalled by the Mother Ship?

I am satisfied from going at national politics at my blogs, on Facebook and in online forums since 2016, that nothing I say or write has any effect on the American right or the American left. Both sides appear to be so sure they hear from God’s mouth to their ears, literally or metaphorically, that they, on the right, remind me of Adolph Hitler’s goose-stepping hordes, and they, on the left, remind me of the mythical Fukawi tribe, which was forever getting lost and gathering in a circle and sitting down and holding hands and chanting, “Where in the fuck are we? Where in the fuck are we?”

Recently, I stumbled across another old fossil on Substack, who seems pretty darn fed up with how it’s going in America, and he shoots off his mouth about it. I don’t agree with everything he writes, but he seems able to poke the left and the right. You met him in yesterday’s [Hey gun nuts, where is the Amendment II enabling well regulated militia?](#) post at this blog,

and today you can get to know him better by opening the link below and reading what he wrote today. It's l-o-n-g.

The Shade Tree

Allow Me to Retort

The empty suit known as Joe Biden needs to be retired from office permanently.



[THE FOSSIL](#)

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<https://wfslthefossil.substack.com/p/allow-me-to-retort>

Here is my reply to what The Fossil wrote today:

Sloan Bashinsky

Sloan's Newsletter

Re:



Actually, it appears Donald Trump did shit his pants from time to time :-).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnK164efOB0>

During the covid shut down, I had radiation therapy for prostate cancer, which really sapped my energy, but it seems so far to have killed the cancer, although the radiation caused scar tissue in my pee machine and I think it damaged my colon worse than IBS had damaged it. I only had Medicare, and if I had not had it, I could not have afforded the radiation treatment. Medicare knocked the radiation treatment cost way down, as it knocks way down all of my doctor and hospital bills. I'm sorry you have cancer, and I wonder what variety inflicted you?

I'm curious. Did you vote for Trump or Hllary in 2016? Did you vote for Trump or Biden in 2020? Do you say the 2020 election was stolen from Trump? Will you vote for Trump this year, 2024? I think you owe that information to whomever receives The Shade Tree.

Considering Biden, Trump and RFK, Jr., I think America is FUBAR regardless of who is in the White House. If I weren't 81, I might already have moved to another country. But Biden doesn't remind me of Adolph Hltler and the Democrats don't remind me of Hitler's goosteping military and civilian hordes. Even so, I won't vote for Biden in 2024. I very reluctantly voted for him in 2020, the first and only time I voted for a major party candidate for president. I now wish I had written in Mickey Mouse for president in 2020.

This morning on CNN, the ICC (World Court) is seeking to get arrest warrants for Hamas and Israel leaders. Why in the FUBAR isn't the ICC also seeking to get arrest warrants for President Biden, who gave

Israel the money and weapons it needed to obliterate Gaza? Donald Trump told Israel he is their best friend. If he were president now, his religious right base would be shrieking for him to give Israel whatever it asks to obliterate Gaza.

I was influenced by the Ukraine War story you promote in your post today, until I watched the YouTube Tucker Carlson interview of Vladimir Putin, in which Putin flat said Ukraine courting NATO was not why he invaded Ukraine. He invaded because Ukraine historically was part of Russia, and it still is. Even so, there is no way Hunter Biden got rich in Ukraine without his daddy's influence, and I'm all for that sewer being opened up and drained in a United States District Court criminal prosecution, alongside Trump being prosecuted for lying in bed with his good KGB buddy Putin who didn't want Hillary Clinton elected, either :-), because he knew she was not Russia's bosom buddy.

Among other meds, President Trump was given Remdesivir when he had Covid-19. Trump had in his paws Dr. Zelenko's cheap, fast, early infection stage cure, zinc, hydroxychloroquine, and azithromycin, which would have saved your brother the Remdesivir misery he endured and would have allowed America to stay open.

Hydroxychloroquine transported zinc into body cells, where Covid-19 took up residence, and zinc inhibited Covid-19 replication.

Azithromycin fought any secondary infection. The Zelenko cocktail only worked if it was given when Covid-19 symptoms first appeared.

Waiting for positive tests, before giving the cocktail, gave Covid 19 too much head start and Covid-19 infecteds went the way of your brother. The FDA gave emergency approval for hydroxychloroquine, but after Joe Biden, the Democrats, Dr. Fauci, CDC, NIH, WHO, Big Pharma and the liberal media went batshit crazy against Dr. Zelenko's cocktail, the FDA rescinded the emergency approval, and what did President Trump do? Did he fire his FDA director and get a new director who would reinstate the Zelenko cure? No. Make America Great Trump launched Operation Warp Speed. He could have saved America from shutting down. Instead, he told Americans to be Big Pharma's guinea pigs.

I became one of those guinea pigs. I then watched hospitals all over my home state, Alabama, be flooded with unvaccinated Covid-10 patients, which caused those hospitals to turn away people with critical non-Covid-19 troubles. Trump came to Alabama and did a MAGA rally in Culman, and was booed by his adoring MAGAs for asking them to get vaccinated. Trump goosestepper Alabama Governor Kay Ivey urged all Alabamians to get vaccinated, because Alabama's hospitals were tsunamied by unvaccinated MAGAs, whom I argued online should have been turned away by those hospitals, because they had made their constitutional right to die by their own choice, and they should be allowed to do it, so help their in God they trusted and were dying precious selves :-).

The Fossil

My cancer is an adenocarcinoma of unspecified origin, they can't tell us what caused it, where it started or what specific mutation it is. My upper and lower GIs are clean, so clean they were surprised by it. I'm unjabbed and have never been a smoker, my wife and I believe it's related to my Army service and career as an industrial electrician. I presented stage four and was told without chemo I'd be dead in

months. After a year of it the oncologist said he couldn't do anything else for me and wants me to go to clinical trials. He refuses any other course of action. My tumors have shrunk some but are still present in my neck, chest, stomach and liver. Being a guinea pig isn't on my list so from here out we're going with homeopathic, natural treatment and that's still expensive but it's my life. We're going to make it to our fiftieth anniversary and believe nothing less.

Yes I voted for Trump in 2016 despite years of not liking him. I've been fed up with both parties for a long time and finally here was someone who wasn't a politician and wanted to fix things. Plus the fact that set off his opponents by announcing water is wet was appealing and funny. And though he did some good, he hung gun owners out to dry, didn't even attempt half of what he promised and surrounded himself with swamp creatures like Barr, Haley and Pence to name a few. I don't believe Russia hacked the 2016 election, and when the pussy hat crowd descended on DC they were treated with kid gloves. I would never consider voting for HRC, the woman is a carpet bagger and a criminal.

Due to Trump's behavior I didn't vote for either him or Biden, ol' Joe is a reprehensible pedophile, straight from his daughter's diary and mouth. Hunter's misdeeds in service of the Biden crime family need their own post, we all know what he's done. Slo and his family have treated the nation and it's people like their personal piggy bank and slaves. Threatening voters on the campaign trail, telling them they aren't black if they don't vote for him, appointments made because they check boxes on DEI scorecard, it's endless. Can you imagine the howling had Trump yelled at the nation from a blood red lit stage with Marines present?

The fact is it's a uniparty determined to drag us into another war, support Israel no matter what they do, tell illegals to surge the border and do more for them than Americans. And it's not fair to the people who immigrated legally. There's more to this than they're admitting, wait and see. So I'll not vote this year either, or anymore federal elections period since they want to strip us of our first amendment rights to keep Tel Aviv happy. The uniparty wants to strip our rights

away and saddle the next 5 generations with debt. I withdraw my consent unless I vote for an Alice Cooper/Vermont Supreme ticket.

Sloan Bashinsky

My sincere condolences your cancer bummer. My brother's oldest daughter, whom I viewed as my own daughter, died during the Covid shutdown after two rounds of chemo. I tried tp persuade God to take me instead of her. Broke my heart.

First I heard of Biden being a child molester. Otherwise, I think you tarred and feathered him pretty good.

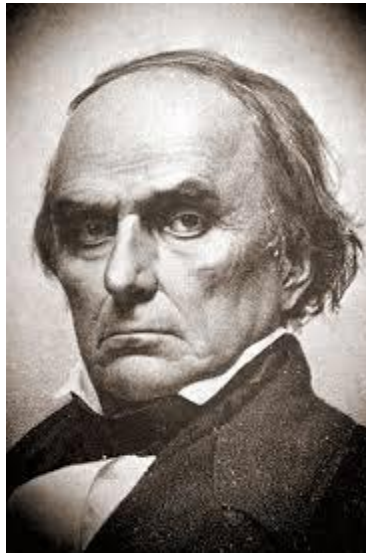
Russia did hack and influence the 2016 election, not just limited to HRC dirt, which needed to come out. In 2016, I kept posting at my blog that Hillary and Donald should be locked up in adjoining cells, and i told many Democrats that they got Trump elected by running Hillary. I agree with you re Israel. It was a grave mistake to create Israel. Too bad America didn't receive the WWII Jewish refugees.

Trump's God assignment while he was in the White House was to make Dr. Zelenko's Covid-19 cure freely available in America, and America could have stayed open. Trump blew that assignment, made Big Pharma happy, and set out to try to become like Vladimir Putin.

Trump could have made Mexico stop the southern invasion by stopping Mexico products and farm produce from coming into America and stopping Americans and their money from going to Mexico, until Mexico stopped the invasion.

81-year-old me wakes up every morning wishing the Mother Ship had recalled me yesterday, but since it didn't happen, I figure God, the Force, or Whatever, still wants me to be here, and I get up and start shooting off my mouth again.

Not even Daniel Webster could help Donald Trump, Joe Biden and Hamas and Israel's leaders in God's Courtroom



American lawyer Daniel Webster

The prosecution rested its case in Donald Trump's hometown New York City state court hush money case. The case soon will go to the jury, unless Trump takes the witness stand.

Before the trial began, Trump was emphatic that he would testify, but this old lawyer, who clerked for a United States District Judge who presided over every federal prosecution in north Alabama, can't imagine Trump's lawyers will let him take the witness stand, and once again, just because Trump said something was so, didn't mean it was.

While I think Michael Cohen was a credible witness, because he admitted during his testimony and cross examination many things he had done wrong, there here is no way to know how the jury will decide the case, and it won't surprise me if one or more of the jurors are Trump ringers who vote to acquit Trump, which will hang the jury and Trump walks.

Nor will it surprise me if the jury votes unanimously to acquit Trump, because they fear for their lives and the lives of their families, if they find Trump guilty.

Banana republic comes to mind.

As does Vladimir Putin's Russia, Iran, Communist China and Iran.

I saw in my email newsfeed yesterday that Trump had floated serving three terms in the White House, then had said, no, he doesn't want to challenge the 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which limits U.S. presidents to serving two full terms.

After watching Trump on TV leading up to the January 6, 2020 coup attempt, I can't imagine what would hold him back from challenging the 22nd Amendment.

Twenty-Second Amendment

Section 1

No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

Congress approved the Twenty-second Amendment on March 21, 1947, and submitted it to the state legislatures for ratification. That process was completed on February 27, 1951, when the requisite 36 of the 48 states had ratified the amendment (neither Alaska nor Hawaii had yet been admitted as states), and its provisions came into force on that date.

As I sit at my laptop wondering what I can find on “The Devil and Daniel Webster”, I see on CCN right now that President Biden is furious that the International Criminal Court (ICC) chief prosecutor Karim A. Khan said today that he was filing war crimes arrest warrant applications at the ICC for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant, in addition to three senior Hamas leaders.

I wonder why Khan didn’t file a war crime arrest warrant application for President Biden, for giving Netanyahu and Gallant the money and weapons they used to cause Khan to file arrest warrants against them. In American law, accomplices to crimes, sometimes called aiders and abettors, are as guilty as the people who committed the crimes. For example, the driver of a get away car in a bank robbery is as guilty as the people who went into the bank and robbed it, and if they killed someone in the bank, the getaway driver is guilty of murder, too.

If Donald Trump ever gets tried in the Georgia court for tampering the Georgia 2020 presidential election, anyone who helped him do it can be criminally prosecuted under the same Georgia law, which happens to be the Georgia RICO statute, racketeering influenced corrupt organizations, which historically was used to prosecute Mafia dons. The Georgia special prosecutor, Fani Willis, flipped a number of accomplices by giving them immunity in return for their testimony against Trump.

I thought that was the most dangerous criminal prosecution for Trump, because the evidence against him seemed compelling: he called a Georgia election official and asked the election official to find enough private citizen votes for Trump to win the Georgia election and Georgia’s electoral college votes.

If Trump is convicted by a Georgia jury, he can’t appeal to his friendly United States Supreme Court. He has to use the Georgia appellate court system. If the Georgia appellate courts affirm Trump’s conviction, he then could try to get the U.S. Supreme Court to intervene, based on a violation of his rights under the United States Constitution and Amendments thereto.

But for the life of me, I cannot imagine what rights Trump had under the United States Constitution to meddle in the Georgia election.

If Fani Willis had kept her vagina in her panties, instead of frolicking with her lead prosecutor, I think Trump would be sweating bullets by now. Trump's lawyers are trying to get Willis removed from the case for prosecutorial misconduct, of which she certainly is guilty, which is kinda amusing, given the well known history of Trump's penis.

The Georgia appellate courts might not agree with me on that, but in God's Courtroom, it doesn't matter what Fani Willis did with her lead prosecutor. What matters in God's Court is what Trump did, and in that Courtroom Trump can't refuse to take the witness stand or claim 5th Amendment protection against self-incrimination. Ditto for Joe Biden and the leaders of Hamas and Israel. Ditto for you and me, and everyone else.

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Summary and Study Guide

Summary: "The Devil and Daniel Webster"

Written by American author Stephen Vincent Benét, "The Devil and Daniel Webster" is a variation on the Faust myth. Benét's story tackles themes such as **The Devil in America**, **Patriotism and the Limits of Loyalty**, and **The Nature of Justice**. The story first appeared in *The Saturday Evening Post* in 1936, though it was later republished in Benét's collection of stories titled *Thirteen O'Clock* in 1937. The story subsequently received the O. Henry Award, earning recognition as the best short story published that year. "The Devil and Daniel Webster" was directly influenced by Washington Irving's "The Devil and Tom Walker," another tale in the Faustian bargain canon.

This guide refers to the version of “The Devil and Daniel Webster” published by Fountainhead Press, which is a direct republishing of Benét’s original 1936 short story. A PDF of the story, with page numbers, can be found [here](#).

Content Warning: The story and guide reference enslavement.

The story opens with an unnamed first-person narrator describing what follows as a local legend in parts of New England. The narrator introduces **Daniel Webster**, a renowned lawyer described in godlike terms: “He never got to be President, but he was the biggest man. There were thousands that trusted in him right next to God Almighty, and they told stories about him [...] that were like the stories of patriarchs and such” (1).

The story then shifts focus to a chronically unlucky farmer named **Jabez Stone**. Stone lives in **Cross Corners**, New Hampshire, and all of his ventures seem to go astray. Eventually, Stone gets sick of his lot in life and expresses a desire to sell his soul to the Devil in exchange for better luck. While Stone immediately regrets his wish, it comes to fruition the following day, when a genteel man dressed entirely in black arrives at his door. This man is the Devil—he later introduces himself by the name of Scratch—and he comes to offer Jabez Stone seven years of good luck in exchange for his eternal soul. Despite his reservations, Stone agrees to the terms, using a pin to prick his finger and signing the contract in his own blood.

Thereafter, Stone’s luck dramatically changes; his farming endeavors are suddenly all prosperous, and Stone and his family become some

of the most successful and influential people in Cross Corners. Stone is even asked to stand for selectman, a position of local government, and is considered as a potential candidate for state senate.

Nevertheless, Stone is haunted by his deal and reminded of his impending doom by Scratch's yearly visits. In the sixth year of his contract, Stone challenges the terms of their agreement, bargaining for an additional three years of life before Scratch can **claim** his soul. Scratch agrees, and these years pass in turn. When Stone asks for additional extensions, Scratch refuses, and as his time dwindles, Stone seeks alternative ways to extricate himself from his deal, eventually seeking the help of Daniel Webster.

After Stone tells Webster the terms of his deal, Webster agrees to represent him in a court battle against Scratch. Webster and Stone return to Cross Corners on the last night of Stone's contract and are greeted by Scratch at midnight. While Webster is more than willing to go toe-to-toe with the Devil, Scratch insists that Mr. Stone's contract is very clear and implores Webster to obey the law that he has dedicated his life to enforcing. Webster questions Scratch's citizenship, insisting that "no American citizen may be forced into the service of a foreign prince!" (5). Scratch insists that he is not foreign, as Webster suggests, but an American citizen himself, citing his presence at various terrible events in American history as proof.

Granting Scratch's American citizenship, Webster claims that Stone has the right to a trial by jury. Scratch agrees, so long as he is allowed to select **the jury**, promising that every juror will be an American

citizen. Scratch's jury of the damned then enters, revealing significant deceased figures from American history: Walter Butler and Simon Girty, both Loyalists during the American Revolution; King Philip, a Wampanoag chief who led a failed battle against New England colonials; Governor Thomas Dale, a dictatorial administrator of then-colonial Virginia; Morton of Merry Mount, a rival of the Plymouth Pilgrims; Edward Teach, more popularly known as the pirate Blackbeard; and Reverend John Smeet, assumedly an invented character by Benét. John Hathorne, who presided over the executions during the Salem Witch Trials, serves as judge.

Webster quickly realizes that Scratch has stacked the jury against him and Stone and begins to grow angry. Just as he is about to erupt, he realizes that this was Scratch's intention: He hopes to capture Webster's soul as well. Webster therefore calms himself and begins to speak of life's simple pleasures: "the freshness of a fine morning when you're young, and the taste of food when you're hungry, and the new day that's every day when you're a child" (7). Webster suggests that all of these things are rendered meaningless in the absence of freedom. While Webster admits that America and her people have made many mistakes throughout their history, he argues that each of these mistakes has led to something bigger and better for the country. He concludes by suggesting that Scratch, or any devil, cannot possibly know what it is like to be an American or a human.

After a short deliberation, the jury announces that they have decided in favor of Stone and Webster even though the terms of the contract are clear. They admit that it was Webster's eloquent testimony that

swayed them in Stone's favor. As the sun starts to rise, the jury disappears.

Scratch congratulates Webster on his victory and tears up Stone's contract. Before Scratch can escape, however, Webster grabs him by the arm, demanding that he never return to New Hampshire to bother Jabez Stone, his family, his heirs, or anyone else in the state. Scratch agrees to these terms, though Webster continues to threaten him for some time afterward. Before leaving, Scratch offers to read Webster's future from the palm of his hand. Webster allows this, and Scratch predicts that Webster will fail to attain his main ambition: to become president. He also says that Webster will experience a backlash after his final speech (a reference to Webster's "Seventh of March Speech," during which Webster announced his support for the Compromise of 1850).

Webster resigns himself to these eventual realities, trusting that his legacy will prevail. He goes on to ask Scratch if the Union, for which he has fought his entire life, will survive. Scratch says that Webster will not live to see the outcome of the struggle but that the supporters of the Union will prevail. Webster laughs at Scratch's response before kicking him out the door. According to legend, Scratch keeps true to his word and never returns to New Hampshire.

Not even Daniel Wester could get Donald Trump off in God's Court, nor Trump's many accomplices. Ditto for Joe Biden and Hamas and Israel's leaders. As for the Union surviving Donald Trump and Joe Biden, I suppose there will be a lot of head scratching before that is known.

Unified Reich



The gem below arrived in my Yahoo feed today and I could not help but pile on.

Mark Fiore's Cartoon Update

Yikes! 'Unified Reich?'

🙄 He keeps getting Nazi-er & Nazi-er...



MARK FIORE

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OKAY, MAYBE IF THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME ANYTHING NAZI WAS SAID OR SHARED BY DONALD TRUMP WE COULD LET IT SLIDE.

Maybe it really was just an over-eager staffer who didn't notice the "unified reich" part of the video shared on Trump's Truth Social account.

But there are those other pesky words that Trump has said: warning of immigrants who are "poisoning the blood of our country" or "vermin" destroying the United States.

Never mind the slightly more coded words like "globalist," "international bankers" and the ever-present "Soros" boogeyman.

Oh yeah, and there were Trump's "very fine people on both sides" . . . except only one side was chanting, "Jews will not replace us."

So for this cartoon, I figured it's only a matter of time before Trump puts on an SS uniform and calls Joe Biden an anti-Semite.

A few short weeks from Now..



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Donald J. Trump's clothes
were laid out by a staffer
who did not notice it was
an SS uniform.

Unlike Crooked Joe Biden,
Trump is not an
anti-Semite!

-Karoline Leavitt,
Trump Campaign Press Secretary

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Which will, once again, make for a busy day for Trump's spokespeople.

The Defendant-in-Chief just can't seem to help himself when it comes to Nazi terminology and big strong dictators.

In one of the most ingenious works of spin doctoring, campaign press secretary Caroline Leavitt pointed out that Trump couldn't possibly have posted the "unified reich" video . . . he was too busy at his pornstar-hush-money-election-interference trial!

Unfortunately, it looks like we'll have to keep paying attention to what Donald Trump is saying or doing for at least the next several months.

I don't have a good feeling about this.

In the meantime, we can share a laugh at his expense and let people know the consequences of a second Trump presidency.

Thanks so much for your support, I'll see you back here shortly!

-Mark

In case you missed it earlier, I posted a time-lapse drawing and commentary video earlier today . . .

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Sloan Bashinsky

Sloan's Newsletter

Yikes!, is dead f-ing on the mark, Mark :-).

The guy who wants to be Commander-In-Chief again allows underlings to post stuff on his Truth Social account? For real? Shucks, every post at my Facebook page was put there by me, because I'm the only person who knows the top secret password.

All in the same day context of The Great Pussy Grabber resting his case in New York City, without testifying, after saying he would testify, and daily shooting off his mouth to the media and on Truth Social about the trial, the judge, the witnesses, the jury, the prosecutors, and claiming President Biden sent the FBI to his Mar-a-Lago home to kill him and his wife and their son if necessary, to steal HIS classified documents from him, and Nikki Haley saying she will vote for Donald Trump, although when she was running for the Republican nominee against Trump, she said he was "unstable and unhinged", which

caused me to wonder if Trump had grabbed her pussy, or she had grabbed his pecker?

Recall when Trump and his father got busted by the State of New York for ethnic discrimination in their New York City apartment buildings.

Gander photos and film footage of the Charlottesville Confederate Monument removal protest and see the ocean of angry white people.

Gander photos and film footage of Trump rallies and see the oceans of white people. Gander photos and film footage of the January 6, 2020 goose step riot and see that ocean of white people.

Recall back when former Klu Klux Klan Imperial Wizard and Grand Dragon David Duke endorsed Trump in 2016, and when asked what he thought about that, Trump pretended he'd never heard of Duke and was quite a while saying, well maybe he didn't want Duke's endorsement.

Recall before Herr Donald Trump got it into this apprentice noggin' to run for president, Vanity Fair published an article quoting Trump's ex-wife Ivana, she said when she and Donald were married, he kept a book of Hitler's speeches in a cabinet on his side of their bed and sometimes he read it at night.

Recall American news media asking 2016 president Donald Trump about that and he said, where did they hear that? But if he ever had such a book, he didn't read it.

Recall telling American news media the book was given to him by a friend.

I have a photo of the book, but I don't see a way to post it here. The title is MY NEW ORDER. It's easy to find using Google images.

Recall Trump bragging the German Chancellor Merkel told him that only one other political leader drew bigger crowds.

Recall, after learning that Vladimir seemed to have gotten himself elected president of Russia for life, President Trump said on national TV, I saw the news clip, that he liked that idea, president for life, but maybe he shouldn't say it.

Earlier this week, Trump floated the idea of having three terms in the White House, then he said, well, he would not challenge the 22nd Amendment, but only wanted 4 more years in the White House.

Don't know where you live, Mark, but I live in Birmingham, Alabama, where I was born and raised. Birmingham is a blue city surrounded by MAGA counties.

I have regular dealings with MAGAs. They attend church. They worship Jesus. They remind me of Islamic jihadists. They view Democrats like right wing Muslims view America.

I think Joe Biden and the Democrats are manifestations of the mythical Fukawy tribe, which was forever getting lost and gathering in a circle and sitting down and holding hands and closing their eyes and chanting, "Where in the fuck are we? Where in the fuck are we?"

I after graduating from the Alabama School of Law in Tuscaloosa, in 1968, clerked for a United States District Judge in Birmingham, who presided over ever federal criminal prosecution in north Alabama.

I think Joe Biden and his son Hunter should be criminally prosecuted over how Hunter got rich off Ukraine while his father was Barack Obama's vice president.

I think President Joe Biden should be prosecuted for war crimes for helping Israel obliterate Gaza.

However, Joe Biden and the Democrats do not remind me of Adolph Hitler and Nazi Germany, which Donald Trump and his MAGAs do.

America and the world should be so lucky as to have Donald Trump and Joe Biden debate and be struck dead by the same bolt of lightning?

When Pigs fly?

Don't American Blacks know that "Stop the steal" is code for "Stolen by Blacks"?

Uvalde school shooting massacre dimensional shift

On the 2nd anniversary of the Uvalde, Texas school shooting massacre by a natural born domestic U.S citizen terrorist toting a high capacity magazine AR-15 designed to quickly kill as many people as possible, I watched CNN interview bereaved parents who lost their children that horrible day. I thought, in my spirit code, 2 is the number for Jesus in the Gospels, who said to let the little children come to him, for of such is the Kingdom of God.

The day before, a Birmingham tattoo artist juxtaposed a yellow rosebud tattoo over a Vagrant tattoo a Key West tattoo artist had put on my right shoulder in 2007, when it was vogue in Key West to call homeless people, “vagrants”.

The yellow rosebud tattoo represents the yellow peace rosebud on my infant son’s simple oak casket, when I buried him on September 12, 1968 in the family plot at Elmwood cemetery, in Birmingham. Crib death (sudden infant death syndrome) took him. No words can explain my bewildered shock and trauma, and their later effect on me.

In 1988, I felt moved to return to his grave for the first time. Years before I had planted a climbing yellow peace rose bush where I lived, and i drove there and snipped a rose off that bush and drove to Elmwood Cemetery. I did remember how to get to the family burial plot, and I didn’t remember where my son was buried in the plot, and I had not had a marker put on his grave. I stopped at the business office of the cemetery and asked for directons and was told how to get to the family plot and that my son was buried at the foot of my mother’s gave stone.

I parked my car and got out and walked toward my mother’s grave stone and as I neared it I came unhinged and fell to my knees and bawled and bawled and balled by heart and eyes out. I came back to this grave maybe half dozen times with a yellow peace rose, until no more tears came. I went

to the cemetery office and selected a small flat granite grave marker and asked them to put on it, "Infant son, he opened our hearts and set us on our journey."

Watching CNN's Uvalde school shooting massacre coverage the morning after getting the yellow rosebud tattoo, I thought owning such guns as the Uvalde shooter used, AR-15, really is about deranged men wanting to feel better about their peckers; and if women want such guns, it's their penis envy.

I thought the U.S. Supreme Court never once considered the right of the citizens to bear arms in the 2nd Amendment is predicated on the need to have a well-regulated militia to preserve the free State, and there has been no well-regulated militia in America since the American Revolution.

Amendment 2

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

I thought the National Rifle Association and the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress and the state legislatures had unleashed the hounds from hell on America, which was never the Founding Fathers' intention.

I thought about the right wing Christian from Texas, U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, who had defended the 2nd Amendment right of the Uvalde natural born domestic terrorist to have the AR-15 he used to slaughter all of those school children and two of their teachers.

I hoped Cruz has a chance someday in space and time to feel just like the parents of those slaughtered Uvalde school children feel today.

I hoped every member of the NRA, and every member of the Supreme Court, and every member of Congress, and any state legislator, who shares Cruz's view, gets to know how the parents of the slaughtered Uvalde school children feel.

No, I do not want more school children to be slaughtered in their schools, but given how sacred owning guns designed solely to quickly kill as many people as possible is in America, I see so other way to get gun nut lovers' attention.

Now if my saying that causes anyone to think I am a horrible person, that I should be stuck dead by God's lightning and die and burn in hell forever, consider that when I was writing *The Golden Flake Clown's Tale* in 2022, free read at the internet library <https://archive.org/details/goldenflakeclownstale>, it came to me from out of the blue that angels known in the Bible had initiated a new school shooting massacre protocol in America, as follows:

When there is a school shooting, children whose souls have not signed up for such a demonic experience are carried away by those angels and new souls come in who need to have that experience. With God, anything is possible.

If someone thinks I'm batshit crazy for saying that, in early 1994, this poem leaped out of me

Only fools rush in
where angels fear to tread,
but if there were no fools,
who'd lead the angels?

Right away, I started feeling something huge and wonderful trying to squeeze into me. I felt it physically and energetically. There were lots of teary and sublime moments, day after day, night after night, for two weeks.

I was in the habit of taking a long walk every morning. About two weeks into that experience, at the turnaround point in a morning walk, I felt the presence of angels around me.

I heard, “This thing coming into you is your angel twin, all people have an angel twin, and yours will live out your life with you.”

I thought, *That’s neat.*

I heard, “By the way, this is your son.”

My heart heaved, tears welled in my eyes, my knees buckled, I nearly fell to the ground.

I stopped feeling something huge and wonderful trying to squeeze into me.

I eventually came to see that my son’s death had so unhinged me, that despite how hard I tried, I was unable to fit myself into the plans my father and mother and their parents had for me, nor into any plans I had for me.

I hope the bereaved families of the massacred Uvalde school children, and the bereaved families of children massacred in other American schools, someday, somehow, have their own yellow rosebud experience.

Memorial Day reflections: Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they aren't out to get you



Another old fart's Substack howler flew itself into my Yahoo inbox yesterday and set me to howling, too.

My Two Senses

“D-DAY 2024”

Some thoughts on how we got here and why we can't make it go away



OL' FLAWRIDUH CRACKER

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The Apprentice, and massive Fascist propaganda over a 40 year period generated millions of *aggrieved* Americans.

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The turn to the far right for Republicans has its roots in an amalgam of Rich White Men who embrace Fascist ideologies, from race supremacy, anti-Semitism to an obsessive fear of Communism stealing their ill-gotten rents. The road to Trump goes back to the Goldwater race for the White House. The Young Republicans and the JBS, backed by Corporatist Republican elites formed what amounted to a doppelgänger of the Communist Cadres they so feared.

This John Birch Society ideology clearly inspired the 1964 article [*“The Paranoid Style in American Politics.”*](#) by [Richard Hofstadter](#), that was and is still considered a seminal work that tracked the conspiratorial roots that would lead to the JBS. Later Thomas Frank’s “What’s the Matter with Kansas” tried to relate how being aggrieved, and as Hofstadter put it, feelings of being *dispossessed* fueled resentment that took us into the Reagan/Nixon/Bush fiascos. Having been largely rejected as wingnut fascist ideology the Fascist loving billionaires put on a little lipstick and pretended to reflect mainstream thinking.

Now (talking about paranoia) I’m actually beginning to believe that microplastics in the diet of Far Right Republicans, whether put there by intent or as a bi-product of redneck lifestyle, is a likely major contributor to the cancerous mental malignancy reflected in today’s Neo-Fascist ideology.

Along the same lines I have become a fanboy of Dr. Bandi X. Lee, and her recent work on “mass psychosis” Dr. Lee was academically

cancelled from her professorship at Yale (thanks largely to the efforts of Allen Dershowitz) because she dared to correlate the clear symptoms of Trump's "malignant narcissism" in explaining his bizarre behavior. This effort centers (and again I agree with her) on a lock and key paradigm of Trump to his base about that cements this "mass psychosis". He seeks their constant adoration and they seek his ability to enact their insane dreams of revenge and overwhelming dictatorial rule.

Here we are confronted with essentially a religious cult, fueled by 40 years of paranoia, aggrievement and a complete embrace of Fascism/Christo-Fascism.

Is there a way outta here?

At some point I actually had genuine hope of finding the proverbial key to unlock the mind of these delusional masses, but today it appears that the Fascist Republican mindset is beyond any form of cognitive repair.

It is mirrored in science to cases of brain damage of the frontal pre-cortex suffered by veterans who have suffered TBI from being too close to blasts. Study has validated that there is a propensity to embrace deeply rightwing religious and political views.

Think about it. 50 years of constant Fascist propaganda packaged as "patriotism", true Christianity, and White Identity. Do we really think there is a chance in Hell of helping these deluded masses to see how downright evil their thinking is in the next six months?

Eighty percent of registered Republicans are prepared to go all the way with Trump and that means to avenge and destroy millions of decent Americans in his demigod name.

In closing I'd like to share that I just finished watching "The Manchurian Candidate" beautifully restored to hi-def black and White. Could it be that Ivanka (an FSB spy under direction of Putin) is Trump's handler? I know, I'm again sounding a bit paranoid, but given our current threat to Democracy in Trump I'd like to consider it facing reality.

Sloan Bashinsky

A friend of mine once said, "Just because you're paranoid, doesn't mean they aren't out to get you."

"Deer Ed", in honor of the key deer that inhabited Big Pine Key, operated the very popular "Coconut Telegraph" public forum at bigpinekey.com. The forum catered to "Kudos & Whiners".

Deer Ed built my websites, goodmorningkeywest.com and goodmorningfloridakeys.com, which were read all over the Florida Keys.

Deer Ed designed a campaign website for a woman friend of mine, who decided to run for sheriff in the Florida Keys.

One page of my friend's campaign website described the sheriff department harassing her sons, whom the sheriff department contended were criminals, and she contended otherwise. She

had some pretty good conventional ammunition, and she had something else.

She became so concerned that sheriff deputies would find one of her sons and do him harm, that she sent him to work one day with his father, who operated a tree trimming company. Trimming a tree that day, their son touched a high power electric line and was electrocuted. His body was taken to the hospital on Stock Island, where the sheriff department and jail were, the island just above Key West. While she sat with her son's body, grieving, the sheriff detective, who had pursued her son, came into the hospital room and made her leave so he could fingerprint her dead son's hands and continue prosecuting him.

The Coconut Telegraph and my blogs heralded her campaign website coming online. The morning her campaign website went active, bigpinekey.com was destroyed by hackers. Deer Ed was freaked out, because he had installed every kind of protection known at that time to protect his website.

The page on my friend's campaign website, which contained the worst dirt on the sheriff department, was destroyed.

Deer Ed repaired his website and reported there what had happened, and the context. Some readers accused Deer Ed and my friend of being paranoid. Deer Ed responded with, "Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they aren't out to get you."

Deer Ed was a recluse, and he was reluctant to take my suggestion to get the FBI involved, but he finally asked them to investigate. He told me that the FBI finally told him that his site had been hacked, but whoever did it was really good and covered their tracks really well.

I ran ten times for public office in the Florida Keys: 6 times for mayor of Key West, 3 times for county commission, 1 time for school board. I got my belly full trying to change the minds of people on the left and on the right, whose heads seemed to terminally live where the sun never shined. Quite a few of them were regular readers of and contributors to the Coconut Telegraph. A lot of them were conservative Christians.

When Donald Trump entered the 2016 presidential race, I watched him adroitly pluck every last string in redneck Christian America. He plucked them like they were little red violins that had longed all their lives to be plucked.

What bugged me most was the people who ought to know better, who were not little red violins, voted for Trump in 2016. I was just as bugged by the Democrats running Hillary Clinton against Trump. That's when it saw just how truly fucked up America was.

I had no clue how much more fucked up America would become.

Putting In God We Trust on its money and One Nation, Under God in the Pledge of Allegiance, and claiming America was founded on Christian principles didn't make it so.

When I was writing the goodmorning blogs, which eventually went to Internet heaven, I heard about a black comedian in Texas, who said something like, “Attending church has as much chance of making you a Christian as sitting in your automobile in your garage has of making you an automobile.”

There was a regular contributor to Kudos and Whiners, went by the handle “From The Right”, or “FTR”. I met him after he asked Deer Ed to see if I would have dinner with him and his wife and Deer Ed. FTR seemed nice enough. His wife seemed nice enough. FTR was well versed in all things conservative. It was his religion. He was articulate.

After he outed himself at Kudos and Whiners, FTR posted on his Facebook that, as devoted as he was to the Republican way, he would. not vote for Donald Trump if he gained the Republican nomination. I wondered if FTR would hold true to that.

By then, I was publishing at my mew blog, afoolsworkneverends.blogspot.com, that Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton should be locked up in adjoining cells.

After Trump won the Republican nomination, FTR announced on his Facebook that he would vote for Trump. That led so some interesting back and forth, and to FTR loosing his cool and tearing into me and displaying what I had figured was there all along.

Back when I was writing frequently at Kudos & Whiners, I developed a posse of Sloan haters, who took lots of pot shots at me from behind their fake names, which Deer Ed allowed them to have. I offered to meet them anywhere they chose, they could bring anyone they liked, and any weapons they liked, and I would bring me and the angels that never left me alone, and we could get to know each other. There were no takers.

I think voting for Trump has as much chance of making God like you as waving a Confederate or Nazi flag has of making God like you. Alas, I don't think voting for Joe Biden will get you any kudos from God, either.

Old farts like you and me ain't able to do the roughhouse things we once did, but we have l-o-n-g memories, and we know how to type, and we don't like sitting at home playing TV bingo, and we still have some functioning brain cells, and we use them, and we shoot off our mouths, and it don't change nothing, but at least we tried, and at least we are not going out brainwashed by cult leaders and stupidity, ignorance and gullibility.

Ol' Flawriduh Cracker

I remain deeply, deeply distressed on this Memorial Day that the ultimate sacrifice and suffering of so many Americans that was about preserving our Democracy within a freely elected government acting in the spirit of E Pluribus Unum, is falling to a Fascist, Grifter Authoritarian hellscape.

Sloan Bashinsky

That falling deeply distresses me, too, but I do think America's wars during my lifetime were noble, given what America did to help those wars get started.

confessions of a radical patriot



Yesterday brought closing arguments in the hush money case in New York City. This old lawyer wonders how the 12 men and women on the jury can be impartial when they fear for their lives if they don't vote to acquit? This old lawyer wonders if people working for or in behalf of Donald Trump don't already know the names and home addresses of the 12 jurors? This old lawyer wonders if the 12 jurors wonder if their identities are compromised?

Yesterday, someone told me that I am a radical. I said, actually I am a patriot. He said he has read my writings and he is far more patriotic than I am. I said I have a very different view of patriotism...

So, what is patriotism?

Is it waving the American flag?

Is it celebrating and honoring America's war dead?

Is it saying God is on America's side?

Is it saying America was founded on Christian principles?

Is it supporting America fighting a foreign war that benefits only rich white American capitalists?

Is it saying America should back Israel in its war in Gaza?

Is it saying what anyone wants to say?

Yesterday, someone else told me that President Joe Biden had said Memorial Day is for remembering George Floyd. I said that's not what Memorial Day is about. I did not say, if Biden said that, then he's nuts.

Memorial Day was May 27.

According to Huff Post, May 24:

Biden Marks 4th Anniversary Of George Floyd's Murder, Urges Action On Police Reform Bill

The president signed an executive order in 2022 to implement police reform and accountability measures, and he's urging Congress to follow through.

By

Shruti Rajkumar

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President Joe Biden reflected on moments he shared with George Floyd's family and called for Congress to advance police reform legislation as he marked the fourth anniversary of the day police murdered the Black man on a Minneapolis street.

"George Floyd should be alive today. His murder shook the conscience of our nation and reminded us that our country has never

fully lived up to its highest ideal of fair and impartial justice for all under the law,” Biden said in a statement Friday.

On May 25, 2020, Floyd, a 46-year-old father, died while a Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin, knelt on his back and neck for more than nine minutes despite Floyd saying, “I can’t breathe.” The plea for mercy as he died was captured on video, sparking outrage and protests nationwide.

Protesters demanded not only justice for Floyd, but also the protection of Black lives against police force and violence, along with reform and greater accountability within the law enforcement system.

Last year, jurors found Chauvin guilty of murder in the death of Floyd, and the former Minneapolis police officer was sentenced to 22½ years in prison. On Tuesday, a new lawsuit was filed against Chauvin, alleging that he had pinned down a woman and knelt on her neck in January 2020, just as he had done to Floyd a few months later.

Biden has spoken with Floyd’s family over the past four years to commemorate his life, and he has vowed to ensure law enforcement accountability. In his statement on Friday, the president reflected on an encounter he had with Floyd’s daughter the day before his funeral in 2020.

“The day before George Floyd’s funeral, his young daughter, Gianna, told me, ‘Daddy changed the world.’ Four years after her father’s murder, there is no doubt that he has,” he said.

The families of those who had been killed by police officers were eager for Biden to take action, to push forward police reform and accountability, which he had promised in his 2020 presidential campaign. In 2022, he signed an executive order to implement aspects of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, including

restricting chokeholds and no-knock warrants, and establishing a database to track police misconduct.

Now Biden is calling on Congress to send the legislation to his desk.

“My Administration has made significant progress in implementing this Executive Order, and will continue our work to build public trust and strengthen public safety. But real and lasting change at the state and local level will only come when Congress acts,” the president said in Friday’s statement.

According to Reuters, May 27:

Biden honors fallen soldiers during Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery

By Jarrett Renshaw

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ARLINGTON, Virginia, May 27 (Reuters) - U.S. President Joe Biden honored fallen soldiers during the 156th observance of Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery outside the nation's capital on Monday. Biden placed a wreath of flowers at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in a solemn ceremony, where he was accompanied by Vice President Kamala Harris and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.

"We gather at this sacred place, at this solemn moment, to remember, to honor the sacrifice of the hundreds of thousands of women and men who have given their lives for this nation," Biden said afterward at the cemetery's amphitheater.

Earlier in the day, Biden hosted a White House breakfast in honor of Memorial Day that included administration officials, military leadership, veterans and so-called Gold Star family members, referring to those who have lost an immediate relative in military action.

The Memorial Day ceremony is the latest in a string of events where Biden has focused on active and retired military personnel, including delivering the commencement speech on Saturday at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Next week, the president will travel to Normandy, France, to participate in ceremonies marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day invasion. He is expected to give a major speech about the heroism of Allied forces in World War Two and the continuing threats to democracy today.

Thursday will mark the ninth anniversary of the death of Biden's son Beau, who served in Iraq as part of Delaware's National Guard. Beau died from glioblastoma, a highly aggressive form of brain cancer that his father believes was possibly a consequence of exposure to military burn pits in Iraq.

"This week marks nine years since I lost my son, Beau," Biden said.

"Our losses are not the same. He didn't perish on the battlefield. He was a cancer victim.

"The pain of his loss is with me every day ... so is the pride in his service," the president said.

On Memorial Day, each grave site at Arlington will have a small American flag carefully positioned exactly one boot's length away from the headstone. The flags were placed by 1,500 soldiers from the Army's 3rd Infantry Regiment, better known as The Old Guard. The regiment has carried out the tradition, known as "Flags In," just before Memorial Day every year since 1948, when it was designated as the Army's official ceremonial unit.

So, is patriotism making up facts to support your partisan perspective?

Is patriotism mourning dead America war veterans and waving American flags on Memorial Day, without saying America had a hand in causing every war it waged during my lifetime, and the beneficiaries of those wars were rich white American military industrial complex capitalists?

I say patriotism is hororing the truth, regardless.

Maybe the next time a Trumper talks to me about patriotism, I will remember to say President Donald Trump called American soldiers killed during World War II in France, losers and suckers, and his adoring Republican Alabama U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville single-handedly held

up promotions of generals and admirals because the U.S. Armed forces were helping armed services women travel to where they could get legal abortions and keep defending America.

I'm a radical.

we're all doing time riddles and puzzles



An old lawyer buddy, who views me as a radical, likes to give me riddles and I tend to respond unpredictably :-).

When asked me, “What was wrong with the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas on October 6, 2023?”, I said that was a very good question, and Hamas figured out what would punch every button in Israel’s leaders, and Hamas hoped that would provoke Israel to do what it did in Gaza and turn the entire world against Israel and its benefactor America, and when President Biden saw Israel’s response, he should have stopped giving Israel money and weapons and munitions to obliterate Gaza; and President Biden should get America of the Middle East altogether. because America has no business being there.

I gave my old lawyer buddy a riddle the other day.

Please help me understand how Amendment 2 gives Americans the right to own AR-15s, when the citizens right to bear arms is predicated on there being a well-regulated militia?

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

He said that he said he sided with me on that, and the U.S. Supreme Court has ignored the well regulated militia predicate.

I said there has not been a well regulated militia since the Revolutionary War. He said, what about the national guards? I said, then only the national guards should have such weapons. He said, then there is the question of what is “arms”?

When Amendment 2 was passed, arms meant sticks, rocks, hammers, hoes, rakes, shovels, hatchets, axes, spears, bows and arrows, knives, daggers, sabers, black powder ball and shot pistols and muskets, black power cannons and cannon balls, and black powder explosives.

But what’s that got to do with a well regulated militia? The Founding Fathers never dreamed the 2nd Amendment would be twisted to nilly willy private citizen ownership of guns designed to quickly kill as many unarmed Americans as possible.

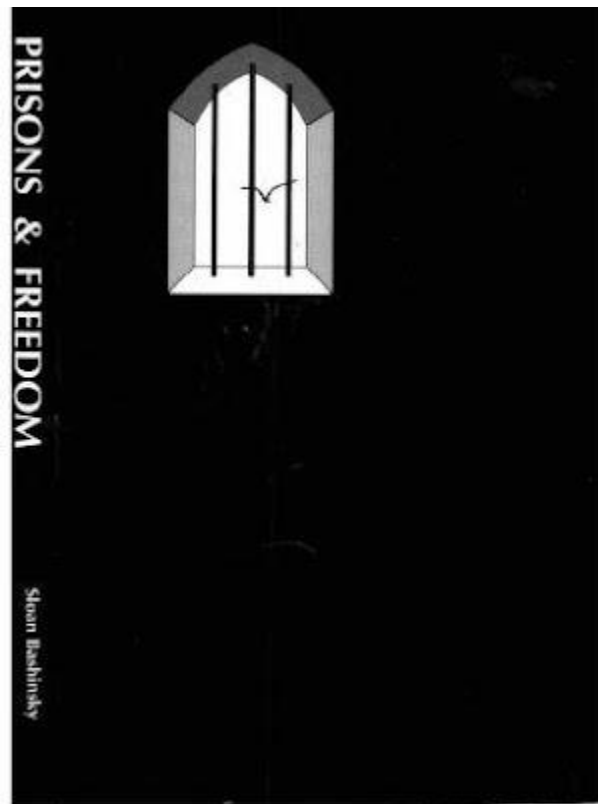
Flash back to 1991, when, at the request of a prison chaplain, I did a two-day workshop in his maximum security prison, about which I wrote in *Prisons & Freedom*, which I self-published later in 1991.

How the workshop came about was the chaplain had read my book, *The High Legal Road: A New Approach to Legal Problems*, which I had self-published in 1990,

The chaplain told me ahead of time that some of the inmates were convicted of sex crimes and were very sensitive about that, and I should

not go into that during the workshop. What I did instead was ask them if they did what they were convicted of doing?

Unable to sell *The High Legal Road* and *Prisons & Freedom*, I gave several thousand copies to the Prison Library Project in Clermont, California, which was founded by Ram Dass, with Bo Lozof's help. Bo's book, *We're All Doing Time*, had helped prod me to write *Prisons & Freedom*. The Prison Library Project mailed inmates books on topics in which inmates expressed interest. I ended up with some prison inmate pen pals for a while.



In the Preface to *Prisons & Freedom*, I gave Bo and his wife Sita attaboys for their going into prisons and teaching yoga and meditation to inmates, and I gave favorable mention to Bo's books, and I said in one of his books, he had said he and Sita had reluctantly decided to start asking for donations for their work.

I had sent Bo a copy of *The High Legal Road*, and after *Prisons & Freedom* was published, I sent him a copy of it. I

In one his books, Bo had written that he and Sita told inmates that they struggled with their own sexual urges, which some yoga practitioners view as low base energies, and I wondered out loud in *Prisons & Freedom* about what it might be like to be married to someone trying to practice celibacy?

I received a letter from Bo, in which he tore up my books as psychobabble, and he said I had cut him and Sita's feelings to the quick. That led to more back and forth letters, which went nowhere, and I moved on.

One day, I called the Prison Library Project about something they had sent me regarding a tax deduction for donating my books to them. The fellow said he needed to tell me something: after they received my books, Bo told them to tear out the Preface to *Prisons & Freedom*, which they had done before sending it to inmates. The fellow said he didn't feel right about that. I said keep doing it, it's Bo's karma.

I wrote Bo a letter explaining that. He did not respond.

I started receiving unsolicited copies of Bo's newsletter, in one of which he announced he was going into silence. There was something in the letter about him being interviewed in the media about him going into silence. I didn't get any of his newsletters for a while.

Then a newsletter came in the mail which Bo announced someone had given him and Sita a nice piece of land in the country, where he could build a retreat for former prisoners to live and work their way back into society, and he had come up with the ideal of "money yoga", and it would be the spiritual thing to do for people to donate money for that project.

I wrote Bo a letter, in which I said he had gone into silence, and God heard him and someone donated them the land, but instead of waiting for the next step, instead of being patient, honoring the feminine, the yin, he had gone yang and invented money yoga.

Bo did not respond.

Another newsletter came in the mail and I read it and left it on the kitchen table and my wife, who was a licensed clinical social worker, looked thorough it and found a picture of Sita, which was in all of Bo's newsletters.

My wife asked me to cover the right side of Sita's face and look only at the left side of her face, which I did, and Sita's left eye and the left side of her face look like a seriously tortured soul. The left side of the body is the feminine, or yin, side.

I wrote Bo a letter, telling him what my wife had observed. In Bo's next newsletter, there was no photo of Sita. Nor was her photo in any future newsletters.

Many years later, I read in an online publication that Bo had confessed that he was a fraud. He had sex with women in his ashram. He was abusive to released inmates, who came to live and work at his farm retreat cult. Later, I read somewhere that Bo had died.

A Substack missive from a fellow who had done time showed up in my email account the other day.

A Convict's Perspective

Rearview Mirror

Objects on the internet may appear closer than they are

COLEMAN

MAY 27

I was going to write an article based off my Note this morning and decided I didn't want to be tic-tacing on my phone all day.

https://indamidle.substack.com/p/rearview-mirror?utm_source=podcast-email&publication_id=1147979&post_id=145032318&utm_campaign=email-play-on-substack&r=8wjd3&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email&initial_medium=video

Anyway, I haven't even listened to it yet because I knew I would've been annoyed by some thing or another and don't want to re-record like I'm a YouTuber or some nonsense like that.

I would've gotten halfway through and been like, "this is dumb" and deleted it.

So, anyway, enjoy the dumb.

Or don't.

Whatever

After listening to Coleman sitting in the front seat of his parked car ramble on about Americans fret a lot about stuff they can't do anything about, and learning about him only what might be read between the lines, I posted this comment.

Sloan Bashinsky Sloan's Newsletter

I'm curious about what you do after you wake up in the morning not in a prison? Although most people wake up each morning in a prison of their own making, about which a guy named Bo Lozoff wrote some books, as did I. Bo ended up not so swell, but I thought his early books were important. Last below is a link to one of my books, Prisons & Freedom, a free read, no ads, no soliciting, no hustle. You might be asked if you wish to open the link? Archive.org is an internet library funded and operated by American colleges. The free library specializes in out of print books and books by authors who give their writings to the library.

<https://archive.org/details/prisons-and-freedom-revision-3oh-1-compressed>

About six months ago, I received an email from a fellow who said he read Prisons & Freedom at the free library, and it moved him to leave a cult in which he had been very active for a couple of decades. I didn't write the book with cults in mind, but I did have some people come to me from time to time, who were involved in cults and wanted help moving on.

So far, no reply from Coleman.

Today's comic relief is provided by Al.com's "Down Home In Alabama".

'I ain't writing no letter'

A judge has dismissed the case against an Ozark man who was caught speeding and said he'd rather go to jail than give the police officer a written apology for his behavior, [reports AL.com's Amy Yurkanin](#).

The story was picked up on some national outlets. Reginald Burks was pulled over and ticketed for speeding while taking his kids to school. He said that as he was trying to leave the officer was standing in front of his car so that he had to back up and go around. He said he then told the officer to "get your (butt) out of the way," but he didn't say "butt."

(Note: This is the most G-rated newsletter you'll read today. Apparently more G-rated even than car line.)

Now, folks may have varying degrees of respect for law enforcement or opinions on their motives, but this isn't one of those stories. The big question in this story is not so much the appropriateness of the officer, or of the motorist. It is about the appropriateness of the Ozark Municipal Court judge's order for the man to apologize to the officer in writing or face 10-30 days in jail.

University of Alabama law professor Jenny Carroll said up to 30 days is a long sentence for somebody who dropped a mere A-bomb in a moment of frustration.

The man wasn't budging, either. He said he'd pay his fines. However: "What am I going to do? I'm going to jail. I ain't writing no letter."

A hearing was set for June 4, but evidently the city's prosecutors weren't interested in pursuing the case because the judge dismissed the case on Wednesday.

Ya'll come!